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DUDLEY'S Russells Hall Hospital has missed out on a share of emergency funding to help A&E departments cope this winter.

Health Secretary Jeremy Health Secretary Health Health Secretary Health Health

fied as a trust at most risk of breaching the A&E standard so we were not expecting to receive a share of the £50m. "We are working in partnership with our commissioners, GPs and our colleagues in the community to look at how urgent care is delivered and how we can relieve the pressures caused by increased demand.

"We are confident that our emergency department is

emergency department is well equipped to cope with any extra pressures we might experience over the winter months."

Attractions on banners

ATTRACTIONS in Dudley which are looking to host one million visitors a year following a multi-million revamp will be advertised to thousands of motorists daily on new banners to be erected along a major route.

Images promoting sights

Images promoting sights and people from four Black and people from four Black Country attractions will be emblazoned on lamp posts on the A4037 Tipton Road linking Wolverhampton to Dudley and Sandwell. They will market Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum, the Dudley Canal Trust tunnels and the new Dudley Archives.

misses out on cash to DAL-HIT CENTRE

A PENSIONERS' day centre which was struck by vandals twice in a week has been boosted thanks to cash grants and food donations.

Vandals targeted the Age Concern day centre in Halesowen, stealing cash, raffle prizes and destroying alarm and CCTV systems.

In the first attack last month, intruders also stole food then urinated on that which they could

not carry.

But now the centre has received grants totalling £5,000 from councillors to help pay towards the repair bills, much to the delight of

centre bosses.

Cash came from two community forums on Dudley Council covering the Halesowen area after members heard about the centre's plight

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Centre director and ward councillor Ken Turner also revealed others had stepped in to donate money and volunteer their services to help get it back on its feet.

Collection

Two clients, who wished to stay anonymous, donated hundreds of pounds to the centre in the wake of the attack Hickton Funeral Direc-

Hickton Funeral Direc-tors have also made a dona-tion, while The Factory Shop, in Long Lane, Black-heath, is running a raffle to raise funds.

In addition, Asda in Hale-soven set up a bucket celler.

In addition, Asda in riag-sowen set up a bucket collec-tion at tills and have installed a trolley at the front of the store for cus-tomers to give food items to the centre

the centre.

Councillor Turner said:
"I'm more than delighted
with everyone's support,
more so I feel we have got to
give the clients something give the back too.

"It was an excellent example of sheer bulldog roll

by Andrew Turton

up your sleeves and get on with it spirit.

"These burglaries were unacceptable when they happened and for what they did. But from the ashes this phoenix has risen and we are now flying high and we really feel there is going to be a major improvement now."

Police have attended the ronce nave attended the centre, in Green Lane, to give advice to bosses to help make the centre more secure. New security systems are also being installed.

Around £9,000 of damage was caused in the two attacks.

Yobs ripped off locks to

steal a power washer and battery chargers for the centre's minibus used to

transport pensioners.
The centre serv The centre serves up meals to around 40 pensioners each day and is also a social hub for community events

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Councillor Turner said he hoped the security measures they introduce will be shown to similar community centres around the area to be a personal transfer or the similar community centres around the area to

centres around the area to help volunteers protect their buildings from attack. New improved locks have been installed alongside a CCTV system that now covers the whole of the building. Extra fencing may also be brought in to stop intruders preaking in at the rear of the

breaking in at the rear of the

Pink ladies' efforts are a walk in the park



From left, Beverley Hadley, Anna Pybus, Megan Woodfield, Tara Willetts, Jordan Ingamells and Amy Grazier

AROUND 100 people were tickled pink when they took part in an afternoon walk around the park and raised money for charity at the same time.

The Tickled Pink walk – held in Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park – was organised by Asda and was one of 152 taking place throughout the country at the weekend.

Staff from the supermarket chain's Dudley and Brierley Hill stores organised the event and said it had been a big success.

Asda's Tickled Pink campaign has

been running since 1996, raising more than £30 million for Breast Cancer Campaign and Breast Cancer Care.

Fancy dress was encouraged for the 5k walk and there were plenty of onesies on display, as well as a Mr and Mrs Incredible.

AITS INCREDIBLE.

Sponsorship money is still flooding in from fundraisers but organisers hope that a sizeable sum will be raised.

Rain clouds parted on the day as torrential showers gave way to allow the walkers to stroll around the park without the need for their wet weather

gear. Community life champion at the Brierley Hill store, Steph Walker, said: "The whole event went really well and we got a good turnout of just under 100 walkers.

"They've all walked 5k around the park and events have taken place all over the country.

over the country.

"Myself and the Dudley team have worked together on this and we're hoping we'll get some good money for Tickled Pink. A few did fancy dress and the highlight was Mr and Mrs Incredible."

Hall back to former glory after work ends

A SEVEN-FIGURE restora

A SEVEN-FIGURE restoration project to return a 19th century hall to its former glory has been completed. Painstaking repairs have been made to the Grade II listed Baylies Hall, in Tower Street, Dudley as part of a £1.9 million restoration scheme funded by lottery cash.

The hall was once a

scheme funded by lottery cash.

The hall was once a charity school but is now home to long-standing family firm Aston's Auctioneers which holds regular sales at the building.

The project, which started around two years ago, is part of a wider scheme using money to fund repairs of historically significant buildings in the town centre.

Cash came from the Heritage Lottery Fund Townscape Heritage Initiative stream, English Heritage and Dudley Council to allow the reinstatement of lost architectural details.

Ornate stone sculptures of

architectural details.
Ornate stone sculptures of two schoolboys, which are located in niches above each of the building's two porches, were carefully taken down and restored.
A pitched roof which had originally been the crowning glory of the building has also been replaced as part of around £200,000 of works to the landmark.
Blue slate from Snowdonia was transported across

nia was transported across to the Black Country for the roof tiles for the replace-ment roof.

Night trek bv worker

A VISUALLY impaired Sandwell Council worker takes on a night time trek tomorrow, to help others with eye conditions.
Saeed Nasser, aged 45, from Grange Road in Cradley Heath, joins hundreds of others in the Carrots NightWalk.
Mr Nasser is vice chairman of Sandwell's Visually Impaired Group. The NightWalk, in which the streets will be painted orange, takes place in Birmingham.
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I just hate him, says victim of fireball attack



by revenge after she walked out on him. But such are the mental scars inflicted in the terrifying ordeal Miss Pilkington is already saving up to leave for a safe haven, far away from her roots in the Midlands. Miss Pilkington tells of how love blossomed with Sheldon before his violent temper drove her away.

The mother of two went on a first date with Sheldon at the Stag and Three Horseshoes in Halesowen, and before long she was in love and inviting him

VIOLENT Damion Sheldon will be Regis at weekends The first signs of behind bars for years for setting ex-girl-trouble came when Sheldon became friend Louise Pilkington on fire in an attack fuelled by petrol and motivated ting her during an argument, she told by revenge after she walked out on him.

Tired of the abuse she received from her violent partner, Miss Pilkington called time on their nine-month rela-tionship in December last year.

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And it was after she ignored his advances in Blackheath town centre days later that Sheldon snapped, turning up later at her Haden Walk home drunk and armed with a petrol can. Before taking his revenge, the spurned lover sent a text which said "Thank you lowe you have destroyed he".

Miss Pilkington said: "He was standing there when I opened the door, he grabbed hold of my arm and shoulder, then poured the petrol over my head—the next thing I knew was I was on fire." Following her return to home, she threw out all the pictures she had of Sheldon. "I just hate him. He makes me sick looking at his picture in the newspaper—I wish I had listened to my first instinct. I want to move away." She added: "I'd urge women to get out

instinct. I want to move away."

She added: "I'd urge women to get out of violent relationships." Miss Pilkington thanked the police and community for donations of furniture, carpets and toys for her children following the move

Blitz starts on blacklist

COUNCIL chiefs in Dudley are cracking down on firms which 'blacklist' union dist bringing in of con stricter monitoring of

Dudley Council is tightening up on the monitoring of contracts which are drawn up with companies to help stop the practice from occur-ring in the borough.

If firms hold a blacklist of

people banned from working for that particular company just because they are members of a union then they run the risk of having the contract terminated.

Dudley Council hopes the move will make it fairer for

move will make it fairer for everyone in trying to get a job.

Councillor Pete Lowe, cabinet member for finance and deputy leader of the council, said: "We work with a number of big contractors on projects across the borough and it is very impora number of dig contractors on projects across the borough and it is very important we employ only the most reputable ones.

"Clearly blacklisting union members from working with these companies is not acceptable."

Phone theft list surprise

MOBILE phone users in Dudley are some of the least likely to have their gadgets stolen, a survey released today has found.

In Wolverhampton, 8.8 per cent of insurance claims are for theft, and the figure is 8.9 per cent in Dudley.

Those living in the Scottish and Welsh capitals are most likely to suffer from theft. The places top a list of

theft. The places top a list of 30 of the UK's biggest towns and cities where thieves

and cities where thieves apparently steal the most gadgets.
Stephen Ebbett, director of Protect Your Bubble, said: "Cardiff and Edinburgh's big student populations could explain why these are hotspots for theft claims."

An analysis of the data shows saft awas are the gadge-

shows sat navs are the gadgets stolen most frequently.

Litter teams to clear the streets

A LITTER pick will be taking place on Saturday. The Ellowes Hall and Area Tenants and Residents Association in Dudley is organising the event.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Ellowes Hall School, in Stickley Lane, at 9.30am. The event will take about four hours.

four hours.

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing, said: "This litter pick will help make the area a cleaner and safer place for all."

Celebrations as pub is saved from bulldozers

off a company's plan to demolish a pub for a convenience store – for the second time in

Punch Tavern submitted fresh plans to knock down the Swan Inn, in Long Lane, Halesowen and replace it with a store in July.

The proposal dismayed nearby residents who had claimed victory when an original scheme by the company

£66k fraud electricals worker gets **12 months**

A DISTRIBUTION worker who ordered more than £66,000 worth of electrical

£66,000 worth of electrical goods under customers' names to fuel his gambling addiction has been jailed for 12 months.

Anthony Doleman carried out his plot while working for the sales department of Routeco plc in Dudley.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard how the 31-year-old placed orders using existing customers' names but had them diverted to the depot on the Pensnett Trading estate in Dudley, where he worked.

Trading estate in Dudley, where he worked.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, told the court that Doleman's scheme was only discovered when customers complained about being invoiced for goods they hadn't ordered.

It was revealed during the bearing that the £66 607.

hearing that the £66,607 worth of electrical goods that were stolen were never

that were stolen were never recovered by police.

Doleman, of Wave Close, had number of previous convictions. He pleaded guilty to three charges of fraud.

was withdrawn.
But after a continued campaign by the residents, which included a petition with 700 signatures against the proposal, the second application has been turned down by Dudley Council.

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In a report accompanying the decision, the council's director of urban environment John Millar sided with residents in finding there was a lack of parking pro-posed.

He said: "This would be

He said: "This would be compounded by the site's close proximity to the junction with Oak Barn Road." He added that the building was a 'local landmark'.

Showed

Halesowen North council-lor Jeff Hill, who led the campaign, had to start from scratch with a new petition after being told by council officers that the signature-filled document he collected for the first planning appli-cation did not apply to the second.

second. He said: "The number of signatures on the petition showed we were not going to take this lying down and that the people in this area do not want a new shop

there."
The pub remains open despite the ongoing uncertainty. Last month, a Punch Taverns spokesman said: "It is always our priority that is always our priority that our pubs continue to trade as pubs."

Raising £40k is no walkover

BBC TV's Mary Rhodes and husband Duncan Jones officially start the Memory Walk

AROUND 900 fundraisers put on their

ARUUND 900 fundraisers put on their shoes for an annual sponsored stroll in support of the Alzheimer's Society.

The charity's Dudley Memory Walk was held around Dudley Zoo and Castle on Saturday, with people of all ages talking part.

It has been hailed a major success by organisers who believe around £40,000 has been raised. The cash will be used to support

been raised. The cash will be used to support services and fund research into better treat-ments for the condition.

Among those taking part in the walk this year was TV presenter Mary Rhodes and her husband Duncan Jones. She cut the ribbon to start the walk. People could choose between taking a 1km walk around the zoo and castle or opt for the more challenging 10km stretch.

members Natasha Hackett, Amy Getting and Megan Davies, who had their faces painted as tigers. Many families also took part in the event and a tree of memories was set up in the grounds of the castle. Walkers started off on their journey around the site to Samba music.

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Among the walkers were three generations of the Collinson family, including Nita
Collinson, of Oakham, Tividale, whose
husband John ran his own electrical busi-

ness.
"We have been married for 49 years and now I have to remind him what my name is. It is awful and I cannot come to terms with it all 'cho said

between taking a lkm walk around the zoo and castle or opt for the more challenging l0km stretch.

Some fundraisers dressed as animals for the occasion – including Dudley Judo Club displayed in taking a lkm walk around the zoo and castle or opt for the more challenging it all,' she said.

"He is a lovely man and the impact of dementia on him is terrible. It was very important to take part in the walk as the Alzheimer's Society has been brilliant."





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Man who stabbed bailiff is locked up

A MAN who leapt from his bed to stab a bailiff in the stomach after he woke him from his sleep has been jailed for four years.

John Savage attacked Peter Cartwright with a hunting knife that he kept under his pillow to fend off any would-be burglars.

Mr Cartwright, who had gone to Savage's Cradley Heath home to carry out a repossession order, was left with such a severe wound his intestines were visible, his intestines were visible, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The court heard that the 57-year-old victim gained access to the home on Victoria Gardens via a locksmith

access to the home on Victoria Gardens via a locksmith after no-one answered the front door.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said: "Mr Cartwright went into the property. It was very dark. He was under the impression no-one was home. He attempted to rouse the defendant who then leapt out of bed and Mr Cartwright describes that he had been punched.

"It was then he realised he has in fact been stabbed."

Savage was sentenced by Judge Amjad Nawaz who said it was only by 'fortune' Mr Cartwright was not killed. His defence barrister, Miss Sharonjit Bahia, said that the 47-year-old had slept with a knife under his pillow for 10 years after he believed his house was burgled. He had his earplugs in and was asleep when Mr Cartwright entered the home on May 23.

Graffiti tags spark arrest

DOZENS of graffiti tags have been sprayed on build-

have been sprayed on buildings, cars and subways sparking a police investigation and the arrest of a man. They have been spotted in Halesowen and Stourbridge, with many now reported to Dudley Council's environment team and police.

Inspector Dez Lambert.

Inspector Dez Lambert id: "We are holding a live investigation into numerous grafitti tags in recent weeks."

weeks."

Dudley Councillor Jeff
Hill urged people to report
the vandalism. He said:
"People often see these
things and shrug their
shoulders – but I would urge people to report every tag to

people to report every tag to the police."

Police arrested a man on Friday in connection with the tagging. He has been released on bail.

Club extension is a big hit for boxers



lan Austin MP with, left to right, head coach Paul Gough, coach Steve Gough and Roy Richardson

knock-out success after raising enough cash to treble the size of their base and boost membership.

boost membership.

Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club has started work on extending its home in Priory Road, Dudley. The build was made possible thanks to two years of fundraising by the club and the help of Roy Richardson, from Richardson Capital, who chimed in eash and equipment. The who chipped in cash and equipment. The club also received a £50,000 grant from Sport England for the scheme

Head coach Paul Gough hopes the extension will open early next year. He said it would double the club's membership from 50 to 100. Mr Gough, aged 47,

pion club with champion boxers, but we were in a base too small to fulfill our needs – thanks to years of fundraising

needs – thanks to years of fundraising and some help from people we have now got the money together.

"For too long we have had to turn people away, but as soon as this extension is open we will be able to take a membership of up to 100. This will help us support the local community, not just in beging it was not the local community and put to the control of the c boxing - we want to also promote healthy

living through nutrition courses."
Inside the new extension will be the rings, bags and changing rooms. A conditioning area will be created within the current building area. The club, formed

in 1975, has turned out a series of champions at all levels including middleweight Ryan Aston and welterweight Tommy Ghent. Mr Gough hopes the new extension will breed more stars.

He said: "We've had good interest, especially after the boxing at the Olympics, and now is the time we can make the most of it—we just need the facilities and space to bring the members in."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin visited the club last Friday to see the work on the new extension. He said: "Back in 2005 I promised local people I would do

2005 I promised local people I would do all I can to back Paul's campaign to improve the gym, and it's great to see it coming to fruition."

Brewery listed in latest guide

A BREWERY formed less than a year ago has been listed in the Good Beer Guide. Upper Gornal-based Fownes Brewery, launched in October last year by brothers Tom and James Fownes, was listed in the latest edition of the influential book.

influential book.
The inclusion reinforced

The inclusion reinforced Dudley's status as the real ale capital of the Black Country, with nine breweries and 17 pubs across the borough being included in this year's guide.

The Angel in Halesowen, and Craddock's in Stourbridge also make the guide, along with Green Duck in Stourbridge, Sadler's in Stourbridge, Sadler's in Stourbridge, Sadler's in Stourbridge, Back Country Brewery in Gornal, Batham's in Brierley Hill, Holden's in Woodsetton and Netherton's Olde Swan also feature.

Graduate officer enters into Corps

enters into Corps SPORTY Nicholas Coving-ton is one of the latest Army officers to graduate from the Royal Military Academy. Nicholas, aged 26 and brought up in Quinton, attended Halesowen's Earls High School and King Edward VI sixth form college in Stourbridge, and is now a Second Lieu-tenant in the Royal Logis-tic Corps.

tenant in the Royal Logis-tic Corps.

He later obtained a place at Sandhurst military academy.

While there, he played hockey for the Army on a tour of India and was awarded a prize.

Water leak results in closure of shop

A POST office was forced to close after water leaked

to close after water leaked from an upstairs flat, causing the store to flood. Bosses shut the branch in High Street, Lye, last Wednesday morning but it was reopened during the afternoon. Post Office spokesman Richard Hall said: "We would apologise to customers for the inconvenience caused by this temporary closure."

Legion meeting planned at club

THE Royal British Legior is holding a meeting ahead of its remembrance parade in Stourbridge on Octobe

The meeting will be at the legion's club in Enville Street and will start at 8pm. All are welcome.

Toolmakers boss ecstatic over opening of new base

says he is 'ecstatic' at the move which will bring 'big benefits' to the local economy.

Petford Tools, based in Peartree Lane in Dudley, will hire 23 new staff for its new manufacturing base in Station Road in Brierley Hill, which is expected to

open in two weeks.

The firm announced the £800,000 investment plan for for the factory after scooping a six-figure grant from the Government's Regional Growth Fund earlier this

Growth Fund earlier this year.

The firm's success comes on the back of a recent boom in the car industry, which has seen it pick up many large contracts for making vehicle manufacturing tools.

It has a £6 million a year contract with Jaguar Land Rover, as well as £3.5m a year contract with BMW Mini. This month, the company is starting new £2m a year deals with both Bentley and JCB.

Managing director Melvin

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Sinar today confirmed the
number of new staff the
company wanted at its new
factory.
He said: "We are ecstatic
about the company's expan-

He said: "We are ecstatic about the company's expansion – business is going well and we're going to be able to increase production and bring in new staff.

"This is right for the area and will bring in big benefits

by Alex Homer

for the local economy and workforce. We can't wait to get the factory open and bring in our new employ-

ees.
The company currently employs about 130 staff. It has a main office and warehouse in Peartree Lane. It also opened new factories in China and Taiwan eight

years ago. Mr Sinar said he was con-Mr Smar sau ne was confident he would hit a sales target of £16m this year, adding there were further plans for expansion within the firm

plans for expansion within the firm.

He said: "We have plans to expand the Brierley Hill factory again, creating more space for work and jobs. We don't just stand still, we have always looked to invest to grow the business.

"Three years ago we employed 90 people – that shows how far we have gone in recent times. We give our customers what they want and are proud of what we do, these are exciting times for us."

Claire loses fear to em-bark on career

by Lisa Wright

FOR as long as she can remember Clare Adlam has been afraid of dogs. Even before she was bitten by an Alsation when she was an by an Alsation when she had 11-year-old schoolgirl the mother of one has been nervous around the animals.

the animals.

But remarkably, Miss Adlam, from Rowley Regis, has now turned her back on her computer and IT equipment sales business and has opened up her very own mobile pet grooming company after overcoming her fears.

The 42-year-old, who lives with partner Sally Stokes, also 42, in Eagle Close, Rowley Regis, said: 'I got bitten by an Alsation when I was little, I have always been scared.

always been scared.

always been scared.

"As long as I can remember I have always been scared of dogs unless they were small and I knew them, but even then I was nervous."

Despite her nerves, Clare has owned dogs of her own. Mongrel Maisie passed away two years ago, while she now owns two Shih Tzu's – Jasmine and Teddy.

now owns two Shih Tzu's – Jasmine and Teddy. And it was while running her former business, The Comp Port at Blackheath Market, for the last 13 years selling computer and IT equip-ment and mobile accessories, that she egan to overcome her fears of other

As she worked on the stall, she Ås she worked on the stall, she started to gain confidence with animals, which would be taken to the nearby pet stall at the market. She eventually took over The Pet Stall, which she continues to run today.

And it was after taking one of her own pets to a grooming salon that she decided to take matters into her own beads.

Clare, who has a daughter Trudie



Clare Adlam of Rowley Regis with her two Shih Tzus, Teddy and Jasmine

Prince, 23, said: "What led me to grooming was Jasmine is quite a nervous dog and she came back from the groomers and she was sick, she wouldn't eat and was shaking.
"They were too rough with the clippers and she was really not herself for two weeks."

two weeks.

"I was not sending her to another groomers because this isn't fair on her to come back so upset, so I bought
myself the home kit and did it myself.

Enjoying it so much, Clare
embarked on a dog grooming course at

All Breed Academy in Pensnett in May sold her IT business and now runs her own mobile company – The Mobile Dog

own mobile company – The Mobile Dog Spa. "I'm just absolutely loving it," added Clare, who is trained in canine first aid and has taken her City & Guilds Dog Grooming Level 3.

"I cannot believe I have been this scared for so long and now I couldn't imagine a life without dogs."

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Blooming town success

STOURBRIDGE has scooped two top awards in this year's Heart of England in Bloom contest. The town scooped gold in the small city category, while Mary Stevens Park in Norton and Stevens Park in Wollescote were given the

grounds maintenance awards.

Wolverhampton City Council won gold in the large city category, Claverley, near Wolverhampton, received a gold award in the village category, and Bilston got gold in the urban community section.

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MICHAEL Parkinson longs for the television-news programmes of the 1960s and 1970s which he recalls as "thrilling and exhilarating." That's right, Parky. And back then folk all stuck together, you didn't need to lock your door, beer was stronger, chicken had real flavour and you could buy six penny buns for a farthing.

farthing.

A FRIEND fell and banged her head. I took her to A&E. She was seen, assessed, treated and discharged in just over an hour. It's not all calamity, congestion and cockup. Sometimes the NHS is pretty good.

THE Syrian war has concentrated minds on the horrors of chemical warfare and the various treaties which were designed to forbid the use of such terrible weapons. But the chief aim of all the treaties was

ble weapons. But the chief aim of all the treaties was to prevent the aggressive use of such chemicals. Traditionally, an army would wait until the wind was right, unleash gas on the enemy and attack behind the gas cloud. But do the same rules apply in defence? Imagine you are prime minister. Britain is at war and it's going badly. London is in a state of panic. The enemy is approaching Essex, slaughtering every village and sharpening their knives for an orgy of bloodletting. The only weapon left in your armoury is a nerve-gas bomb. What do you do? Abide by a convention written many years ago and sentence your people to rape and butchery? Or do you use the bomb? ble weapons. But the chief aim of all the treaties was

ACTUALLY, the above questions have been answered. We now know that if the Germans had attempted to invade England in 1940, Winston Churchill was quite prepared to spray the beaches with mustard gas, chlorine and phosgene. The stuff was mixed, loaded and ready and waiting for the Nazi hordes. The lesson of history is that the winners decide what is

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Modern park revamp to attract thousands

THE vision is simple. To see this 18th century parkland once again transformed into a hive of activity attracting tens of thousands of visitors a year to bask in its beauty.

Lord Cobham, Christopher Lyttelton, whose family has owned the Hagley estate, near Stourbridge, for more than 250 years, has unveiled his renovation plans to the

He says his 'dream' is to see visitors once more explore the Grade I listed 350-acre parkland sur-rounding Palladian-style Hagley Hall.

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Large-scale works are now under way to return
the park to its glory as one of the country's
leading examples of a late picturesque parkland.

The Express & Star is among the first to get a
glimpse at the restoration works and plans to
in the pipeline to attract 75,000 visitors a year.

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the pipeline to attract 75,000 visitors a year. Garden historians and architects have painstakingly researched the parkland thought to be a missing link in the development of Picturesque gardens.

Lord Cobham said: "We are bringing back one of the most important pieces of the Midlands' heritage. It would be a dream to have people coming to the park again. It is one of the greatest parks in the country and we want it to be restored back in one piece for everyone to enjov." one piece for everyone to enjoy."

Discussions are under way between Lord

Cobham and council officials ahead of submitting

Cobham and council officials ahead of submitting a planning application for a visitor centre in the park. Consultations are taking place with residents living nearby.

"We are looking at quite a long way to go yet but overall I'm hopeful we can have the park open by 2015/16," he said. Visitors have views for 50 miles surveying much of the region from the Malvern Hills and Clee Hills to the south to the industrial Black Country to the north.

But the gates have been closed on the parkland

Church Street, Brierley Hill

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Lord Cobham with the Palladian bridge, which is undergoing restoration work

since the 1980s when persistent vandalism and struggles with constant maintenance took their toll. The 12th Viscount Cobham says the family would struggle to hold onto the estate unless it is

would struggle to hold onto the estate unless it is reopened to generate revenue for its upkeep. The family has faced criticism from residents in Hagley and surrounding villages for selling off outlying land for housing developments to pay for the restoration. But Lord Cobham said: "Fundamentally it means the difference for our survival here or not. We have tried to do everything to ensure it doesn't come to selling. I'm hoping that the benefits from the developments will be staying in Hagley."

Head of landscapes, Joe Hawkins, worked at the gardens of Shugborough Hall in Staffordshire until moving to work at Hagley Hall in recent months. He has strolled around the site or weeks plotting the gardens in a bid to recreate

for weeks plotting the gardens in a bid to recreate the original landscape as it was originally con-ceived. Around four miles of pathways are being

created around the 350-acre site with heavy gravelling being laid along many of the original routes

before closure.

One of the main features of the park – series of ornate pools, waterfalls and streams known as the Cascades – had been reclaimed by mother nature over the years.

Contractors have moved in with landmovers to being dredging pools while overgrown trees and plant life have been cut back. A highlight for visitors will be the return of an uninterrupted vista from the Paladian Bridge following the line of the Cascades up to the Rotunda. English Heritage have stepped in to help pay towards the work on the Rotunda which replacement roof and stonework.

stonework.

Specialist stonemasons are working on the structure with the work expected to be finished on November 2. It complements a similar scheme to make repairs to the another park monument, the Wychbury Obelisk.

Workers in thefts avoid jail sentences

THREE supermarket workers who stole almost £25,000 of goods, including more than £5,000 in scratch cards from their store have avoided being sent to jail 'by the skin of their teeth'.

Sailah Akhtar, Laura Drew and Emma Taylor admitted stealing items through 'skip-scanning' while at Asda in Saltwells Road, Netherton, Dudley.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard how they took products through the store's self-checkout tills without swiping every item.

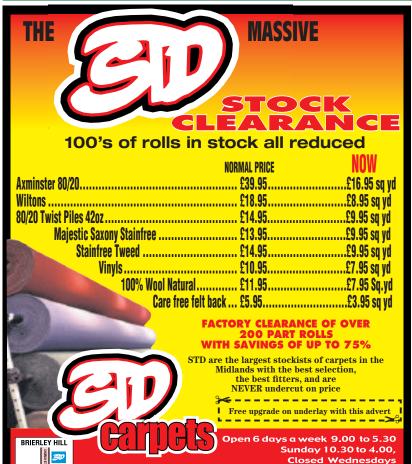
sen-checkout this without swiping every item. Akhtar, aged 26, of Churchfield Street, Dudley, pleaded guilty to theft by employee after being acc-used of taking £18,111.59,

employee after being accused of taking £18,111.59, over two years.
Taylor, 23, of Pointon Close, Bilston, and Drew, 20, of Havergal Walk in Colley Gate, Halesowen, also pleaded guilty to theft.
Taylor was accused of stealing £3,629.97 of items, Drew of stealing £2,727.65 of goods. Judge Martin Walsh said: "Bach of you have escaped custody by the skin of your teeth."
Akhtar was given a 12-week prison sentence, suspended for two years and ordered to do 200 hours unpaid work.
Taylor was given a 36-week init entered to the state of the

Taylor was given a 36-week jail sentence, sus-pended for two years, and must do 180 hours unpaid

Drew was given an 18 week sentence, suspended for 18 months, and 140 hours of unpaid work.

24 HOUR







Sentence for laptop images of children

A PAEDOPHILE has been sentenced after admitting making almost 50 indecent images of children.

images of children.

Mark Troop's laptop was seized by police after executing a warrant at his address in Archer Gardens in Cradley Heath.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that images ranging from level one to

court was told that images ranging from level one to level four, which is at the most serious end of the scale, were discovered on the device. Contact details were found for Troop and he was ordered to attend a police station.

he was ordered to attend a police station. Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said: "He admitted during interview that he had expressed sexual interest in young boys from the age of 10 to 15 years old. "He had gone onto to Skype and spoken to nine individuals and had various conversations where he said he found it difficult to to speak of his sexual pref-

to speak of his sexual pref-erence," she added.

Mr Simon Rippon, defending, said: "There are a small amount of images and there's no evidence that they were distributed."

Troop, aged 40, pleaded guilty to four charges of making indecent images of children.

He was given a commu-ity order for 36 months and ordered to sign the sex offenders' list for five years.

Nurse who gives knockout jabs in and out of the ring



SHE spends her days caring for patients but by night, Claire Johnson enjoys nothing more than inflicting injuries - when she

fights as a top female boxer.

The 26-year-old works shifts as an intensive care nurse treating casualties

and saving lives at Birmingham's Heartlands Hospital. But come the end of her shifts, she starts administering jabs of a different kind when administering jass of a different kind when she swaps her surgical smock for boxing gloves as her alter ego 'Two Tough' Sister Johnson. Claire, who lives in Kings Heath, was bitten by the boxing bug two years ago when she went to former pro Malcolm



Claire, left, an intensive care nurse, during one of her bouts in the ring

by Lisa Wright

gym for fitness training in Halesowen. And even though Claire says her medical career means she is aware of the

medical career means she is aware of the risks associated with boxing, she still tries to knock out her opponent every time.

She said: "It is a concern because I know the physiological complications that can occur. It doesn't mean I will go easy on anybody though. I will always try and knock out my opponent. Otherwise it will be me flat out on the canyas flat out on the canvas.

When I was growing up, I was one of the tomboys, so the sport suits me fine. I can anaesthetise people with my jabs in both senses of the word."

one of her bouts in the ring Claire at the She has won three out of her four amateur fights for Celtic Union Boxing Club at Birmingham's I rish Centre but she narrowly lost her biggest bout, against Cindy 'Come And Get Some' Payne for the title of Birmingham's top woman boxer on Saturday. It was the second time Claire and Cindy had traded blows after their first battle ended in a draw, and Claire thinks she did enough for the win during the four-round.

enough for the win during the four-round fight. She said: "I found the fight easy and was quite shocked by the decision."

One notable absentee at ringside for Claire's bout at the weekend was her boyfriend, who can't bare to watch her

fights. She added: "He couldn't watch.
"He doesn't know me like that, which is
understandable. He just didn't know how to

Claire at the Unit 4 Fitness Centre based in Halesowen

Unit 4 Fitness Centre based in Halesowen take someone hitting me." Claire is also hoping to use her boxing experience to branch out as a personal trainer and become a fitness model.

A personal trainer who spars with Claire at her gym in Halesowen said she is more powerful than some men he has fought against. Amateur boxer George Franklin, 19, trains alongside the nurse to get her ready for her big bouts.

19, trains alongside the nurse to get her ready for her big bouts. He said: "I've sparred with her before her fights and she is a good boxer. She has definitely got the power of a bloke."

Louise Orucu, lead nurse for critical care at Heartlands Hospital and Claire's line manager, said: "Claire is a committed nurse and I am proud of her achievements in and outside of the boxing ring."

Teenager burned in cable accident

a 15-YEAR-OLD boy's leg was set alight when he caught it on electric cables while playing near a railway line in Coseley. The teenager was later being treated in hospital following the accident with firefighters saying he is lucky to be alive.

The vounzster was

The youngster was climbing along a metal framework above the line near Bayer Street when his foot slipped on to an electric cable, causing his lower leg to be set alight.

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Firefighters said that
the boy's friends had put
out the flames by the time
they arrived on the scene
at 7.15pm on Monday.
Paramedics rushed the
boy to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Wine-making thief

is spared jail term
A BURGLAR who was caught after leaving a drop of blood at the scene of the crime was spared jail by a judge to allow him to carry on his wine-making business.

Dwayne Shepherd, broke into a house in Oldbury and took a laptop, a £250 designer Manches-ter United watch and two other luxury watches

Shepherd, aged 24, of Bearwood Road, Smeth-wick, admitted burglary in March.

Judge Challinor gave tence suspended for 12 months.

He must also pay £2,600 compensation.



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IN MY VIEW

THE chief constable of Greater THE chief constante or broaded. Manchester Police recently admitted that his officers only investigate 40 per cent of the crimes reported to them, effectively 'screening out' the majority of cases due to a lack of evidence.

dence.
That probably comes as little surprise to anybody who has ever reported a comparatively minor crime over the last few years, and at least Sir Peter Fahy is exhibiting refreshing honesty. Or his he?
The only reason for this question is that the figure is an average for the entire force, which will inevitably mask one or two anomalies.

two anomalies.

Say, for instance, you are stuck in traffic because the council had in traffic because the council had decided to dig the road up again for the umpteenth time, and concerned you will be late for an appointment at work, you take the liberty of phoning the office while at the wheel of a stationery car. What would you say are the odds of that offence being 'screened out' by the boys in blue?

You don't need to be a hard-

You don't need to be a hardened cynic to suspect that the odds of that offence being processed through the courts is

ened cynic to suspect that the odds of that offence being processed through the courts is pretty close to five in five. And no doubt it is the same with countless other trivial motoring offences, where there is no real threat to public safety. Which, of course means, that if the police in Manchester only pursue, on average, two in five of the offences which come to their attention, the reality is that probably for the trickier, more labour intensive investigations is closer to one in 10. Still, good to know we have our priorities right.

IT REALLY says it all when two-thirds of men bemoan the loss of having a space to call their own, because the missus has now taken over the garage.

According to a new survey, only 28 per cent of domestic garages are now used for storing to maintaining the family car, with the wast majority being used for storing household junk. The poll-sters have even come up with a funky new name, "Carage grabbing they have branded it.

Of course it would help if weren't for the fact that most modern garages barely have enough room in which to swing a cat, yet alone perform an oil change. But if the study is to be believed, modern menfolk are not happy about it at all.

Half of the men surveyed said they would do more DIY if they had the space in which to work, and four in 10 said they had fond memories of working with their deners or grandfathers as children, and yearned to do the same with their own ofspring.

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dren, and yearned to do the same with their own offspring. By the way, if you're wondering

who commissioned this research love of car maintenance projects it was Halfords, which boasts it was Haifords, which boasts 'one of the UK's biggest and best selections of car parts and car spares'. You don't say.





Dudley boy done good - TV director Otto Bathurst Filming taking place around the canal basin at the Black Country Living Museum



Cillian caps it all as **Peaky Blinders star**

The series which has put The Black Country Living Museum in the spotlight has started its run on BBC2. MARK ANDREWS speaks to some of its creators

ASTRIDE a huge black horse, Hollywood actor Cillian Murphy rides into view, casting a brood-ing stare around a bleak, cobbled street.

robbled street.

Families cower in fear inside their houses as this mysterious but intimidating young man, dressed from head to toe in tweed, surveys the landscape.

Aremake of High Noon? A 21st Century interpretation of The Good, The Bad and the Ugly? This is, in fact, the opening seene from Peaky Blinders, BBC2's new prime time drama, partially filmed at the Black Country Living Museum, and set in the gangland culture which gripped parts of inner-city Birmingham in the aftermath of the First World War A Spaghetti Junction western, if you like.

Peaky Blinders, which began last week on BBC2, is unlike any other series which has been set in the region before. Gritty yet glamorous, the Birmingham-born writer and producer of the series Steven Knight says it is an unashamedly romatical.

Knight says it is an unashamedly roman-ticised portrayal of a real-life gang which controlled the illicit gambling trade in part of the city during the early 20th

part of the city during the early 20th century.

The series revolves around gang boss Tommy Shelby, who is played by Murphy.

"He's a kind of anti-hero," says Knight.

"He wants to be a respectability. He has his faults, but as the series goes on people will start to see him in a different light."

The Peaky Blinders gang took its name from from its members' practice of sewing razor blades in the peaks of their tweed caps. "The stories came through my family – my mum and add lived in Small Heath as kids, and were involved in the illegal betting industry," he says. "I first



Cillian Murphy makes a memorable entrance on a black horse in Peaky Blinders

had the idea for it 17 years ago. Off-track betting was illegal, so there were a lot of bookies, a lot of gangsters with

guns.
"Back then in Birmingham, there

"Back then in Birmingham, there were a lot of demobbed soldiers with guns and knives, very violent, a lot of personal problems because of the war." He says he was quite shocked when he discovered the level of violence which existed around that time. "It was the extent of the violence which surprised me, there were pitched battles at Epsom over betting on horses."

Is there a chance that some of the legends about the Peaky Blinders might have been embellished with the passing of time? "I would hope so," he says. "That's exactly what I want, stories being told through the eyes of people looking back at the past, remembering the way everybody used to look

smarter in the old days."

Knight says the Black Country
Living Museum was an ideal location
for filming. "If you look around Birmingham, there aren't that many old
streets left, they have all been demolished or damaged by air raids. The
museum was perfect, especially with
the canal, as a lot of the story is set at
the side of the canal."

He has been assisted in the making of
the series by up-and-coming film director Otto Bathurst, who grew up in
Dudley and Bridgnorth, and regularly
returns to the area to visit his family.
There are a number of local extras and
small-part actors who were recruited

namel-part actors who were recruited from the West Midlands. Knight, whose screenwriting credits include the films Dirty Pretty Things and Eastern Promises, went to great lengths to ensure that the characters spoke with the

correct Midland accent. He took Murphy to The Garrison pub in Small Heath, so he could listen to how the locals spoke.

"Cillian listened to the way they talked and recorded everything and from that he has brilliantly developed Tommy's way of talking which is back to the hard, fast Birmingham accent," he said.

As well as Murphy, probably best known for his role as the evil Dr Jonathan Crane in the Batman films, the starsstudded cast also include Helen McCrory, who appeared in the Bond movie Skyfall, Sam Neill who had leading roles in The Piano and Jurassic Park, and Joe Cole, from The Thick Of It.

Accent

Accent

Bathurst, whose previous credits include Hustle, Gothic, Teachers and Criminal Justice, says his mother Elizabeth Strachan had taught him much about the local lingo.
"My roots are in the Black Country and

about the local lingo.

"My roots are in the Black Country and Shropshire and my mum does the accent, she's brilliant," he says. "I can do the accent so I was able to pull people up if they got it wrong."

Wolverhampton singer Danny Robinson, better known on the West Midland rock 'n' roll scene as Danny Cannon from the Ramrods, was one of several local actors who landed small parts.

But as well as performing on screen, the 69-year-old was also the source of much local and historic knowledge which were crucial to the detail of the series.

"My wife's uncle Jim Knight was a bookmaker for many years in Bilston, and there are many tales that Jim told me regarding the early days, before the legalisation of off-course betting," he says.

But one of the most memorable parts of the experience was being besieged by Murphy and four other cast members for lessons in how to speak with a Midland accent in the car on the way to the studios. "I was met by chauffeur from the station and bundled into the limo together with several other actors who were fighting each other over asking me to say things in a Brummie accent," he were fighting each other over asking me to say things in a Brummie accent,' says.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

1983...
COUNCIL highways chiefs confirmed the final line of the £40,000 Black Country Route, despite mounting demands to switch the road away from two schools. The scheme was opposed by some Bilston residents as the route passed next to Hall Green and Holy Trinity schools.

A WALSALL church called in an art expert to assess the deteriora-tion of its prized 90-year-old murals. Parishioners at St Micheal the Archangel in Rushall took action after the E Reginald Frampton wall paintings began to

A TEENAGER from Bilston became the first female in 30 years to sign up for a bricklaying course at her local college. Elizabeth Rothen joined 18 men on the course which she described as "a challenge."

1993...

A TOP astrologer rated as the best-known stargazer in the English-speaking world joined the ranks of the Express & Star. Patric Walker replaced the outgoing Russell Grant who left to focus on his TV commitments in

WOLVERHAMPTON'S
Wulfrun Hall faced queues of
eager blood donors thanks to an
offer from Bank's Brewery. The
brewery offered a free can of
Banks's Mild in exchange for
every pint of blood in an effort to
better exprise of bolster supplies of blood in local

ROMANCE was in the air in the HOMANCE was in the air in the Express & Star in Wolverhampton when its newsroom was used as the setting for a TV love story. A BBC film crew mingled with reporters and sub-editors to record scenes for Good Morning's A Touch of Love slot.

ONE of Wolverhampton's oldest working men's clubs celebrated its 100th anniversary – two years late. Members at Jones Road Working Men's Club in Bushbury only discovered the club was founded in 1901 after searching through council archives archives.

BILLIONAIRE Chelsea boss Roman Abramovich flew into the Homan Abramovich flew into the city by helicopter as Wolves rolled out the red carpet for the most-expensively assembled team in British football history. Many Wolves fans to witness the arrival and just as many left early as their team lose 5-0.

A BLACK Country football club was very much a family affair. Sunday Beacon Premier League team Tipton Town Sports featured four sets of brothers and their cousins, managed by the father of one pair of brothers



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Every time I encountered one, it park which worried me a little as I had laways seemed to be on red. After changing to an environmental green, schanging to an environmental green, straffic began to move forward only to be stopped in its tracks by another red robot thingy. As my little scooter of traffic that I missed it. Then there was to feel rather uneasy being totally survivaled by larger and more powerful metal boxes with wheels.

My heart and that of my scooter's planet myself, I feel uneasy at the fact that car parks are taking over your universe. I know I wouldn't like it where I come from.

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Jacobs

was king

IT WAS with sadness that I read of the death of the man who I regard as the finest DJ ever to grace the airwaves, David Jacobs.

Since I was a teenager I have listened to his beautifully modulated voice introducing me to all the greatest

ducing me to all the greatest singers, instrumentalists and big bands of my lifetime. Not for him the frenetic ram-

Not for him the frenetic ram-blings of some of his contem-poraries; but an unrivalled knowledge and a smooth as silk presenting style that was second to none. B PARSONS, Millard Road, Coseley.

Bike blast

IF YOU are the cyclist that we almost knocked off your bicycle on Tuesday evening at the junction of Vicarage Road/High Street, Wollaston around 8.30pm then we are very sorry.

very sorry. However, if you had not

However, it you had not been wearing all black, cycling against a dark brick wall background with no lights long after lighting up time, then we may have spotted you sooner.

spotted you sooner.

J JAMES, Wordsley.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Fracking is not an

THERE have been a couple of letters recently in support of

THERE have been a couple of letters recently in support of fracking. I'm afraid your correspondents have been misled by Government propaganda on the subject. It is not the instant fix they seek.

Shale gas explorer Cuadrilla's own best estimate has fracking reaching full production around 2034 and only supplying 10 per cent of gas needs in 2020. The impact on bills of shale gas is accepted as 'basically insignificant'. Increases in energy bills are driven by gas prices and the International Energy Agency foresees EU gas prices 40 per cent higher than 2010, even with a 'golden age' of shale.

Fracking also requires vast amounts of water and toxic chemicals and there is a danger of polluting our groundwater supplies. The preoccupation with fracking delays necessary investment in renewable energy. The Arctic is melting at an alarming rate and countries are queuing up to exploit it. The temperature of the Arctic controls winds and ocean currents that determine our weather. Freak weather like the 2010-11 winter and the 2012 summer as well as wildfires, droughts and floods in other parts of the world, are becoming more common and we shouldn't have to 'learn to adapt'.

common and we shouldn't have to 'learn to adapt'.

R.TABERNER, Regent Road, Tividale, Oldbury.

A pleasure to hear the pensioners

BEING on holiday from work, I went along in Aug-ust, to the Halesowen Pen-gionogy Mosting shained by sioners' Meeting chaired by Gordon Caine.

The Secretary of the Group was Beryl Marshall. What a pleasure it was to attend such a meeting with people chipping in with con-tributions and to hear sense

tributions and to hear sense spoken.

There was no House of Commons-speak, no sound bites, no evasion of questions, but rather people talking, sometimes joking and discussing the difficulties pensioners face, not only for themselves, but for their sons and daughters and grandchildren.

What came over crystal

grandchildren.
What came over crystal
clear to me was that the bus
pass is a vital lifeline for
many and must be kept free.
Every year The Pension
ers Groups in the United
Kingdom have to battle to
keep it. What is also obvious
is that the state pension is
inadequate.

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Driver climbs free as car flips over in crash



The Ford Ka, which crashed on Oldnall Road in Wollescote, Stourbridge.

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A SHAKEN woman clambered from her car after it flipped on to its side and skidded along a pavement before smashing into a boulder and a garden wall at

an accident blackspot.

The motorist, who was treated for shock by West Midlands Ambulance Service, was driving a Ford Ka, on Oldnall Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge, at about 7am last Thursday, when the incident happened.

by Simon Stone

It came just a week after another driver escaped unhurt when their Renault Clio hit a kerb on the street before smashing through a fence and rolling over on to a parked car in the front driveway of a house.

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Stourbridge firefighter Steve Hodgetts said that, in the most recent accident, the car, which was travelling from the Colley Gate direction, flipped on to its side, travelled along the pavement, hit a wall and then turned back on to its wheels. "The girl driving the car was suffering from shock but not otherwise hurt," said Mr

Hodgetts.

"The road was greasy and damp and it was a cold, misty morning. "We have mentioned to the council and police before that something needs to be done about the road because local farmers have also been complaining about cars going into their fields along there as well."

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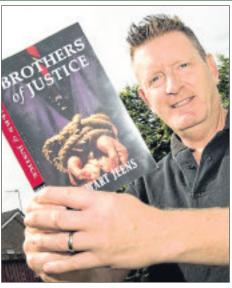


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Ex-soldier's book finally printed







Black Country who put pen to paper to write a book two decades ago has finally seen his work make it into print.

Dudley-born Stewart Jeens wrote Brothers of Justice 20 years ago when he came out of the forces.

However, the manuscript was dis-

covered by his mother just over a year ago and it has now finally been pub-lished.

Mr Jeens joined the forces aged 18 and served for 14 years in the Royal Army Ordnanec Corps, reaching the rank of sergeant, before leaving in 1994.

The 51-year-old, who now lives in Brookfield Way, Tipton, said: "I took a year off when I came out and started writing this novel."

It was only when his mother found.

writing this novel."

It was only when his mother found the manuscript some 14 months ago that Mr Jeens decided to self-publish the book which is now available to buy

on Amazon and via the Kindle device's service.

"I have never written before, it just started flowing one day," explained Mr Jeens, who is now a courier driver, who is married to teacher Diane, aged 44, and is father to Chloe, 10 and stepfather to 20-year-old university student Charlotte.

The book is a crime thriller of around 600 pages and Mr Jeens said the story is as relevant now as when he first wrote it.

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Club dips into its past to mark 125 glorious years



The ladies swimming team seen with the club coach in 1951

people learn to swim and clinched scores of trophies over the years.

Now a swimming club in the Black Country is making a big splash as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. Members of Warley Wasps, based in Oldbury, has opened the club's photo album as they look back on a century and a quarter of history.

Warley Wasps was founded to coincide with the opening of Rolfe Street Baths, in Smethwick, on May 7, 1888.
Originally known as Warley Amateur Swimmers, the club was later renamed Smethwick Swimming Club and quickly became an important part of the sporting

IT HAS helped thousands of scene in the area. By 1900 it had become

scene in the area. By 1900 it had become part of the Smethwick Recreative and Athletic Association.

The club forged early links with Mitchells and Butlers Brewery whose own swimming club functioned as a subsection of Smethwick Swimming Club that included both of the company's directors who became active members.

Initially only open to men, the club hosted its first mixed-sex gala in 1911.

An extract from the original rules of Smethwick Swimming Club gives its objective as being "to promote the art of swimming, floating, diving and plunging."

ing."
Since its foundation, the club has enjoyed a lot of success and has seen members go on to compete for Great



Victory for Warley men's swimming team in 1951, seen with their trophy

Britain under the mentorship of head

Britain under the mentorship of head coach Bert Owen.

But the club has experienced some difficult years during its illustrious history, including three years ago when members. It now has more than 450 swimmers on its books. Marc Soulsby, head coach, has been involved in the club on and off for the last 25 years and was part of the team which led the group's revival.

He said: "When I joined three-and-half years ago the club was in a bad state and we have worked hard over the last few years to get back to where we are. I think what makes us so successful is that we are open and friendly but very serious about our racing and people really appreciate that.

"I'm very proud to be part of a club with such a rich history." To celebrate their history the club rec-

To celebrate their history the club rec-ently held a swimming tournament, and a dinner was also held for past and present to share their memories and stories. Chairman Ray Evans said: "I think under the circumstance its an amazing achievement to reach 125 years of contin-nous bistory."

achievement to reach 125 years of contin-uous history.

"We are very much an honest and open club and I think we have been absolutely vital to the area as we have taught thou-sands to swim."

Warley Wasps currently trains several times a week at Smethwick, Langley and Aston swimming pools. For more infor-mation about the club visit the website at www.warleywasps.net www.warleywasps.net

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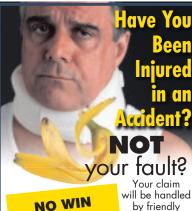
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Burglar tried Staffie shop staff in hope for boost to get out of unpaid work with forgery

tence - including forging a note to say he needed to be at the job centre to dodge a session of imposed unpaid work - has been

Jason Jackson was originally given a suspended sentence in January after a burglary,

January after a burglary, stealing a key and helping himself to a laptop and jewellery.

The 19-year-old however went on to breach his sentence later that month and had an extra 20 weeks' unpaid work tagged on as punishment.

Excuses

Under the order he should have completed 200 hours while a 16-month suspended sentence hung over his head for 24 months.

But Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Jackson, of Vicarage Road, Stour-bridge, went on to leave an unpaid work appointment on July 4 early, saying he felt

by Alex Homer

altogether, telling his superaltogether, telling his super-vising officer he overslept.
Mr Glyn Samuels, prose-cuting on behalf of the pro-bation service, said: "He then excused his attendance

on July 9 and 10 by provid-ing a letter from the job

"He later admitted he had forged or added to that letter and provided false information to the proba-tion service about the fact he had to be at an appoint ment there.

"He also missed appointments saying he had to be at

work."
The court was told Jackson still had 78 hours of

Jackson still had 75 nours of unpaid work to complete from his previous sentence. Jackson admitted breach-ing his suspended sentence. Jackson was told he will serve 12 months for breach-ing his original suspended

ing his original suspended sentence, and be released on licence after serving half that time



Welfare officer Judie Hanlon with Bow the Staffie, and oack, left to right, Marta Blanco, Sue Davies, Marie Did-lick, and charity shop manager Julie Bayliss

Ilck, and charity snop manager Julie Bayliss
A CHARITY shop raising much-needed cash to help rescue
and rehome Staffordshire Bull Terriers has made an
urgent appeal for support after takings plummeted. Happy
Staffie Rescue in Market Street, Stourbridge has been
open for three and half years and says the number of
people coming through the doors has fallen in recent
months.

months.

The shop is one of four the charity runs to generate funds to look after the dogs in its care. Bosses say every penny is vital and feel they could be forced to close their Stourbridge branch if trade doesn't pick up.

Manager Julie Bayliss said: "We are struggling at the moment. Not many people know we are here."

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Only Fools and Horses star John Challis, who played Boycie in the popular sitcom, is seen with paran Penn-Asham, chief excecutive Hanna Sebright, Mayor Alan Finch, paramedic Karen Baker and Sam

Boycie shows support for charity

SITCOM star John Challis joined a youngster from the Black Country to open the new headquarters of the Midlands Air Ambulance.

The TV legend, known to millions as the loveable Boycie in Only Fools and Horses, praised the charity as he helped celebrate the grand opening of the HQ. The base has moved from Brierley Hill to Dudley Road in nearby Lye.

Lye.
"I live in rural Herefordshire and often go out to the picturesque Long Mynd. I would like to think if I got into trouble they would be there to help,"

the TV star said. "Their ability to pin-point a casualty is amazing and has undoubtedly saved countless lives,"

he added.

Sam Aston, nine, was left with more than six breaks and an open fracture to his leg after being hit by a car right outside his home in Saltwells, Dudley last summer.

"Me and my husband were out in the back garden at the time and all we heard was the screeching of brakes.

heard was the screeching of brakes with a loud bang. We knew something had happened," said his mother Jo, 39. After being initially treated at the

scene, Sam was flown to Birmingham Children's Hospital where he underwent surgery to reconstruct his leg. Seven months later and after two more surgeries the pupil of Dudley Wood Primary School was upon his feet walking unaided and more than a year on wanted to show his gratitude by being there while the ribbon was cut.

Sam said: "The helicopter trip was really exciting even though I was in a lot of pain.
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September wasps still have sting in their tail

ting to enjoy an Indian summer of their own. Despite a disastrous summer for the insects last year, the number of wasps has increased dramatically in recent weeks - with the high numbers expected to continue into autumn.

a real drop in their numbers, probably because there was

probably because there was so much rain.

"This year though, the hot summer has caused their numbers to rise and they seem to be making up for it.

Affecting

"I have also never seen their nests grow so fast. We've definitely had a lot of calls coming in about wasps

of late."

No quantitative data is available for wasp numbers in the UK because, unlike butterflies and bees, there is no official recording scheme. Experts also predict there will be more problems over the next few weeks as the insects are still growing their colonies now due to the prolonged summer.

When fruit begins to fall in the coming weeks, wasps

in the coming weeks, wasps are expected to become even more visible. One beekeeper said the increase in wasps

Pest controllers said they had seen an increase in the number of wasp nests being reported at homes and businesses across the country. Christan Hems, of Dudley-based Pestforce, said: "This year the wasps seem to be very aggressive. "Last year was a terrible year for wasps and there was a real drop in their numbers, wasps are killing the hives

by Catherine Dalton
was also affecting them.
Tony Gray, from the Shropshire Beekeepers Association, said: "There is no doubt about it, there has been a huge increase in the number of wasps this year.
"And this is affecting beekeepers in a bad way. The wasps are killing the hives by entering them, eating the grubs and stealing the honey. This kills the bees."
But wasp fan John Hughes, who is development manager at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, said: "Wasps are so important to wildlife and we should celebrate them "They are nature's pesticide eating all sorts of aphids and caterpillars.
"All summer they have been very busy with their nests and feeding the grubs. Now they have nothing really to do so they are getting in our way."

Jim Eaton, who runs Pestforce in Shrewsbury, said: "It has been a very busy summer and I am being called out to wasp nests every week – averaging about three or four a day. And these aren't small nests. The problem we have at the moment is that they are still growing their colonies." are sti



Invasion – Jim Eaton, from Pestforce, with a wasps' nest that contained about 10,000 to 12,000 of the insects

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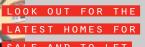
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Scarecrows take off



VISITORS to Haden Hill House Museum in Cradley Heath were greeted by a selection of scarecrows at the weekend. Councillor Anne Shackleton admires the winning entry with Bernard Thompson, who created the recycled scarecrow. There were other models in the shape of Harry Potter and Captain Jack Sparrow. They all proved a hit as hundreds of visitors attended the two-day event. Bosses at the museum said the venue's first-ever scarecrow weekend had been a big success, attracting more than 350 visitors. Museum spokeswoman Amy Robinson said they were delighted with the turnout.

Fraudster on run for 16 years is sentenced

A CONMAN who struck at homes in the Black Country gave himself up after 16 years on the run, a

Country gave himself up after 16 years on the run, a court heard.

But Raymond Bullock had been at large for so long that the police could find no records relating to his escape from justice and sent him away.

It was not until the 60-year-old fraudster went on a crime spree in the West Midlands and Liverpool that his past caught up with him.

Walsall magistrates were told Bullock wanted to clear the slate and move on. Bullock, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to five charges of fraud by false representation.

Miss Jenny Windson, prosecuting, said Bullock called at four addresses in Walsall between July 1 and 4 this year, claiming to be a builder and offering to do jobs. In each case he secured deposits of up to £100 and agreed a start date but never returned. never returned.

Disabled

On July 25, he swindled a 70-year-old disabled man in Liverpool in the same way. Later that day he approached a police officer and told him he was wanted for offences in the West Midlands.

The court heard that he was in breach of a conditional dis-The court heard that he was in breach of a conditional discharge for a similar offence in Dudley and that in 1996 he was jailed for 42 months at Birmingham Crown Court for eight cases of gaining property by deception.

Mr Harbinder Gahir, defending, said Bullock was freed on day release the following year but never went back.

Magistrates jailed him for six months to run concurrently with his remaining prison sentence which is due to run to 2016.

Victim support call by area's manager

THE manager of Dudley's victim support service has urged anyone who thinks they have been taken in by fraudsters to

THE manager of Dudley's victim support service has urged anyone who thinks they have been taken in by fraudsters to get in touch with them.

Sonia Bell said that there are a number of ways that criminals try and manipulate their victims, with the most common being to use a false identity to commit a crime. She explained that they might use fake name badges and identification to gain entry into people's homes, or they might deceive people, often elderly or vulnerable, into buying goods or services that are not for sale or do not exist. Sonia said: "They may provide a service, often of poor quality, but charge you many times the original amount quoted, without reason.

"They may trick you into giving them money, even large amounts. They may resort to trying to frighten, bully or harass you to get more money.

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ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks olde female, 50-70 for close, adult fun. Te No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189

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This year marked 73 years since the final day of the battle, when the RAF defeated Germany's Luftwaffe across the London and south coast skyline – forcing Hitler to two days later postpone his plans to invade by Heather Large

Halesowen Grammar School pupil was chairman of the RAF Halesowen branch before is closed in 2011. He was also chairm-an of Cradley Heath Action Forum, involved in Old Hill Cricket Club and devoted time to a local industry network, helping the pub-lic raise issues with police.

Mr Davenport was presented his British Empire Medal by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the county, Colonel Tom Lloyd OBE, who paid tribute to the veteram. He said: "Hal's contribution to Halesowen is outstanding. It is a marvellous recognition to a previously unsung hero. Even at the age of nearly 83 his dedication and enthusiasm continues."

Mr Davenport said he was delighted and honoured to receive the medal.

He added: "It was such a shock when I received the letter. I thought the service today was great and I felt very humble when my citation was read out. I'm very honoured but it's just part and parcel of helping the people of Halesowen." by Heather Large

Britain.

The RAF lost 650 planes in the battle, and 544 RAF aircrew died during the fourmonth campaign. To mark the occasion hundreds of people lined the streets of Dudley for an annual ceremony in the town centre.

Air training squadrons from across the borough joined with veterans for the traditional parade, which started off from Priory Road just before 11am.

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The procession made its way through New Street, Market Place and High Street before stopping at St Thomas' and St Luke's Church for an hour-long service.

Later RAF veteran Hal Davenport officially received the British Empire Medal he was awarded in the Queen's birthday honours earlier this year.

Mr Davenport was given Mr Davenport was given the medal for voluntary service to the RAF Associa-tion and to the community in Halesowen and Cradley Heath. Ho has lived in Hale-sowen all his life and, after serving in the RAF from 1948 to 1950, embarked on a long series of community-based projects. The 82-year-old former



Town pride - Dept Lord Lt Col Tom Lloyd presents Hal Davenport, of Halesowen, with his British Empire medal



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the textures of the season. Next's faux leather skirt is the perfect base for any outfit and only £28.

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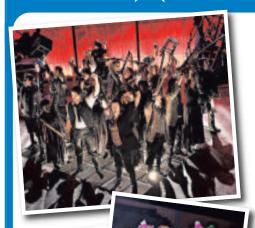
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What's On! Halesowen

Retuning up for a night at opera

MEMBERS of Stourbridge Choir and Orchestra have rescheduled their perform-ance of a concert which was due in March, but was can-

due in March, but was colled due to heavy snow.
A Night At the Opera will now take place on Saturday
Contember 28. A now take place on Saturday September 28. A spokesman for the group said: "The society members enjoyed practicing the music so much that we decided to add an extra concert into our schedule."

concert into our schedule."

Among the pieces being played on the night are popular opera choruses, sallet music from Coppelia by Delibes, the William Tell Overture and more.

Tickets are £9 full price, E8 for concessions, disabled people come in free, students £2.50. Tickets are available from Music Matters, Market Street, Stourbridge, on the door or from 0.1384 373111.

Ready for sounds of rock folk duo

FANS of Simon and Garfunkel are being given the chance to hear their heroes'

chance to bear their heroes' classic songs at a special show which takes place at Netherton Arts Centre tomorrow night.

With video clips of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel giving their personal accounts of their rise to fame, Bookends offer live performances which have won pundits for their authenticity.

The show starts at 8pm, tickets are £15 and to book, call the box office on 0.1384 812812. For more information on the performances, log onto www.thebook endshow.co.uk

Rising star Siobhan joining pop idol Will Young in Cabaret

It's a fair old sing-song at museum

THE Victorian fairground of the Black Country Living Museum provided the perfect backdrop for a theatre group as members prepare to tread the boards in popular musical Carousel.

Carousel.

South Staffordshire
Musical Theatre Company
will be staging its version of
the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic from October 8
to 12 at the Grand Theatre
in Wolverhampton. The
show, following last year's
acclaimed staging of The
Sound of Music, and will
feature a 40-strong team of
amateur actors from across
the Midlands. A 16-piece
orchestra will provide the
music.

Thirteen cast members donned their costumes to treat visitors to the Dudley museum to a few of the show's best loved songs, including You'll Never Walk Alone.



Some of the cast of South Staffordshire Musical Theatre Company prepare for Carousel at the Black County Living Museum's own carousel

alongside Will Young in a production of Cabaret to be staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre later this year.

Grand Theatre later this
Siobhan Dillon, from Lichfield, who appeared on the
BBC TV show How Do You
Solve A Problem Like
Maria?, will take on the role
of Sally Bowles. The show, in
which Pop Idol winnerturned-actor Will Young will
appear as the simister Emcee,
will visit the Lichfield Street
theatre from November 26 to
30 for the only Midlands
dates on a fourteen venue
national tour.
Following her stint on the
BBC show to find a performer to play Maria in The
Sound of Music, Siobhan
won a deal with Andrew
Lloyd Webber's Really
Useful Group and also cowrote and recorded an album
for Illingray Music.

wrote and recorded an album for Universal Music.

for Universal Music.

Last year she starred in the highly acclaimed UK tour of Can't Smile Without You, and made her West End debut in Grease.

Also joining the UK touring cast is New Seekers singer Lyn Paul as Fraulein Schneider. In 1997 Lynn made her musical theatre debut as Mrs Johnstone in Willy Russell's hit musical Blood Brothers – a role she



Staffs actress Siobhan Dillion is to play Sally Bowles at the Grand in Wolverhampton last performed at Wolver-hampton Grand in 2011.

hampton Grand in 2011.

The Kander and Ebb musical set in 1930s Germany first appeared on Broadway in 1966 and became a hit movie with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey, featuring the songs Money and Maybe This Time.

Tickets are priced

and Maybe This Time.
Tickets are priced between £23.50 and £39.50.
For more information call the box office on 01902 4292 12.

Macbeth sequel arrives at the Rep

arrives at the Rep
ARTISTIC director of the
newly re-opened Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
Roxana Silbert, brings her
version of David Greig's
sequel to Shakespeare's
Macbeth, Dunsinane, to
the Rep for a run from
Tuesday to Saturday, September 24-28.
First premiered by the
Royal Shakespeare
Company, this part two to
the 'Scottish play' continues the story of Lady
Macbeth. The cast includes Siobhan Redmond
and Jonny Phillips in the
leading roles.
Tickets cost £12.50 to
£35. Contact the box office
pol 213 296 4455.

£35. Contact the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Welsh songstress is at Slade Rooms

WELSH wunderkind of the classical music scene turned pop singer Char-lotte Church will be in concert at Wolverhampton venue The Slade Rooms tonight.

She sold more than 11 million records before she was 16 and now the 27-year-old from Cardiff has a new album entitled Three

new album entitled Three.
Joining her at the Broad
Street venue will be
highly-rated Welsh duo
Golden Fable. Tickets cost
£15 (plus 10 per cent fee),
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Society go Monty

MEN from West Bromwich Operatic Society will be casting aside inhibitions with their clothes in comedy musical The Full Monty at Wolverhampton Grand from September 24 to 28.





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What's On!

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Keith Lemon

Through the Keyhole ITV, 9pm

Hands up, if you didn't believe Keith Lemon was the right choice of host to front this show? We'll join you in that show of hands. Having Lemon step into the shoes of Loyd Grossman as house detective in this 1980s and '90s favourite, and then wildly changing the whole tone of the programme was a massive risk. But... we'll be the first to eat our words; it's a risk that paid off. Mr Lemon dons another garish shirt before grabbing the keys to three more celebrity pads. Joining Dave Berry on the panel this week are Catherine Tyldesley and Terry Wogan.

BBC1

5.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Home Cooking Made Easy, (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus: 12.50 Match of the Day Live. 3.00 Inspire: The Olympic Journey. With Louis Smith and Lizzie Armitstead. 3.30 Final Score. 5.15 Formula I: Singapore Gorne. 5.15 Formula I: Singapore Gorne. 6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

- 6.45 I Love My Country. Game Cassidy, Steve Backsrail, Martin Kemp, Brian Belo, Kelly Smith and Kenny Logan, husband of the show's host Gabby Logan.
- When Miranda Met Bruce When Miranda Met Bruce.
 One-off show in which
 Miranda Hart chats to Bruce
 Forsyth as he celebrates 70
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 the veteran entertainer
 recounting his career
 highlights and inspirations.
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 Saturday Night Draws. OJ
 Borg presents as the balls
 are set rolling to decide the
 all-important numbers.
- Casualty. Rita and Ash treat a teenage girl who is keeping secrets from her boyfriend, while Fletch is worried about write Fietch is worried about two elderly sisters who are struggling to look after each other.
- Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Noel Fielding, Seann Walsh, Mike Gunn and Hal Cruttenden.
- 10.10 BBC News; Weather 10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights include Chelsea v Fulham include Chelsea v Fuina National Lottery Update
- 11.50 The Football League Show 1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC₂

6.00 This Is BBC Two, 7.25 Film: The Lost Squadron, (1932) 8.40 Film: Yellowstone Kelly, (1959) 10.10 Real History of Britan, (R) 10.40 The Private Life of Plants. (R) 11.30 University Challenge, (R) 12.00 The No.01 Ty Cooking, 12.45 Coast, (R) 12.50 EastEnders. 2.45 The House That £100K Built, (R) 3.45 Urban Jungle, 4.15 Fioglit (R) 3.50 The Wonder of Dogs. (R)

- (R) Dragons' Den. One final lineup of entrepreneurs faces the panel, including a couple hoping to win investment for their fruity beverage idea. Last in the series. (R)
- 7.00 Dad's Army. The platoon acquires an armoured car (R)
 Count Arthur Strong.

 **inhaal regrets introducing
- Arthur to the internet. (R)

 8.00 The Making of Merkel with
 Andrew Marr. The
 broadcaster looks at the life
 and career of German
 Chancellor Angela Merkel,
 examining how her formative
 years in East Germany
 shaped her political vision
 and style.
- and style.

 9.00 Mock the Week. With Milton Jones, Hal Cruttenden, Holly Walsh and Ed Byrne. (R)

 9.30 Film: The Awakening. (2011) Premiere. An investigator of supernatural became to be beliefe. hoaxes has her beliefs challenged when she is summoned to a haunting at a boarding school. Horror, starring Rebecca Hall and Dominic West.
- 11.10 Film: The Ring. (2002) Supernatural horror remake, starring Naomi Watts. 12.55 Film: Quatermass 2. (1957) 2.20 This Is BBC Two.

CHANNEL 4 6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.35 Canim

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Catarham Motorsports. 7.05 The 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35
Caterham Motorsports. 7.05 The
Grid. 7.36 TiM Superbike World
Championship. 8.00 The Morning
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Li.20 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30
Undercover Boss USA. 1.30
Channel 4 Racing. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. Susan
Rogers hosts the final
vening in Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.

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Double Your House for Half the Money. Sarah Beeny the Money the Mon

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2.05 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.20 SuperScrimpers. (R) 5.15 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) 5.20 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 9.50 Power Rangers: Megaforce 10.25 Stugterra 1.050 Animal Maternity. (R) 11.50 Film: You've Got Mail. (1998) Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan 2.05 Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. 4.05 5 News Weekend. 4.15 Film: Fort Worth. (1951) Western drama, starring Randolph Scott. 5.50 Film: The Great Escape. (1963) Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. 9.00 Film: Hang 'Em High.

starring Steve McQueen.

9.00 Film: Hang 'Em High.
(1968) A lawman-turnedrancher is attacked by a
lynch mob and hanged for a
crime he did not commit, but
is rescued before he dies.
Western, starring Clinger Sievens, Ed
Eastwood, Inger Sievens, Ed
Eastwood, Inger Sievens, Ed
Hingle, Bruce Dern and
Dennis Hopper.

11.25 GSI: Crime Scene

Dennis Hopper.

11.25 CSI: Crime Scene
Investigation. A serial killer's
adopted son is arrested on
suspicion of murder, but the
evidence against him proves
inconclusive, so the CSIs set about trying to track down a more likely culprit. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 7.15
Doctor Who 8.00 Pop's Greatest
Dance Crazes 9.00 Film:
Streetdance (2010) 10.35 Russell
Howard's Good News 11.05 Family
Guy 11.55 Orphan Black

BBC Four
7.00 Africa 8.00 10 Things You
Didn't Know About Tsunamis 9.00
The Young Montalbano 10.50 Big in
America: British Hits in the USA
11.50 The Beatles' Please Please
Me – Remaking a Classic

ITV2
5.15 Film: Johnny English (2003)
7.00 Film: Uncle Buck (1989) 9.00
The Xtra Factor 10.00 Celebrity
Juice 10.50 The Magaluf
Weekender 11.50 Crazy Beaches

2.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.55 Inspector Morse 6.55 Foyle's War 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Wire in the Blood

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour of Britain. 2.00 Live Systims, four of bitain.

4.00 Highway Patrol 4.30 British Touring Car Championship 6.00 Driven to Extremes 7.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 8.00 Hornblower 10.15 Film: Carlito's Way (1993)

E4 4.05 Rules of Engagement 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 7.30 Suburgatory 8.00 New Girl 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Film: Cloverfield (2008) 10.40

2.50 The Quiet Man (1952) 5.35 Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) 7.20 Hot Shots! (1991) 9.00 Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (2009) 10.55 28 Weeks Later (2007)

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Stepping Out. The four
remaining couples try to
master dance routines in the
styles of street, jazz and the
paso doble as they battle to
win a place in next week's
final. Davina McCall hosts.
The X Factor. The search for

tinal. Davina McCall hosts.

The X Factor. The search for a superstar continues as the judges give their verdicts on another line-up of hopefuls joining the race for a record deal at the closed-room auditions.

auditions.

9.00 Through the Keyhole. Catherine Tyldesley and Terry Wogan join Dave Berry on the panel as Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous occupants.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15Film: City Silckers. (1991) Comedy, with Billy Crystal.

12.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 22.09.13

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Shelley Conn

By Any Means BBC1, 9pm Warren Brown is enjoying one heck of a year, all kicked off by his fantastic performance in Luther. It's very nearly confirmed that there will be a film made of that detective drama, but if you need something to keep you going until then, catch Brown in this new crime thriller for the next six weeks. The series follows a clandestine unit playing the criminal elite at their own game. In the first instalment, Quinn and the team attempt to bring to iustice a crooked husinessman who's gotten away with robbery and murder. Co-starring Shelley Conn and Keith Allen.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 Match of the Day 2 Extra. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Flog III (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Points of View. 4.15 Lifeline. 4.25 Singapor Grand Pirk Highlights. 1: Singapor Grand Pirk Highlights.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison witnesses the homecoming of a remarkable horse in Devon and Tom Heap asks whether the number of domestic cats in the UK is posing a threat to wildlife.

posing a threat to wildlife.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea near Portsmouth, where items include chairs said to be made from timber off HMS Victory and paintings with an Indiana Jones connection.

9.00 By Any Means. New series. Grime drama about a team dedicated to bringing elusive criminals to justice, beginning with a murderous businessman. Warren Brown and Chelley Com star. Warren Brown and Chelley Com star. Warren Brown and Chelley Com star.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester City v Manchester United.

Manchester United.

1.50 Film: Lone Star. (1996) A
sheriff investigates the
discovery of a 40-year-old
murder victim, raising
questions about his father's
heroic reputation. Mystery,
starring Chris Cooper and
Matthew McConaughey. 2.00 Weatherview. 2.05 BBC News

BBC2
6.00 This is BBC Two. 6.05 Film:
Nocturne. (1946) 7.30 Around the
World in 80 Gardens (R) 8.30
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Hainy Bikers' Best of British. (R)
2.45 inspire: The Olympic Journey.
With Louis Smith and Lizzie
Armistead. (R) 3.15 Sailing:
America's Cup Highlights. 4.00
Canoeing: World Sailor
Championships. 5.00 Rugby
The Great British Bake 0ff.
The Contestants prepare
biscuits and traybakes. (R)
7.00 Hunt'vs Lauda: F1's
Greatest Racing Rivals.

7.00 Hunt vs Lauda: F1's
Greatest Racing Rivals.
Documentary using archive
footage and interviews with tootage and interviews with key players to chart the battle between Britain's James Hunt and Austria's Niki Lauda for the 1976 world drivers' championship. (R) 8.00 The Crane Gang. New series. The day-to-day operations of a mobile crane company of the Jews. The influence of the shietl to invite the control of the company of the Jews. The influence of the shietl on Jewship culture and the Jewship culture and the

modern world.

10.00 QI XL. Extended edition, with Josh Widdicombe, Phill Jupitus and Katherine Ryan.

10.45 Film: A Single Man. (2009) Drama set in the 1960s, starring Colin Firth.

12.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.15 Holby City. (R) 2.15 This Is BBC Two.

(1982) 6.35 Regional Programme;

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather, 7.00 Surprise Surprise. A cancer survivor receives a life-changing gift, a tather and daughter are reunited after daughter are reunited after Kicks perform for one of their fans. Holly Willoughby presents.

The X Factor. The final round of auditions.

of auditions.

Downton Abbey. New series.
Following Matthew's death,
Mary struggles to come to
terms with her loss, while
Jimmy takes an interest in
luy, and Carson receives an
unwelcome reminder of his

past. OITV News; Weather. 10.45 Perspectives: Sergeant on Spike. John Sergeant presents a profile of Spike Milligan. (R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.40 The Store. 2.40 Motorsport UK. 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Ironman 2013. 6.40 The American Football Show. (R) 7.35 American Football: Hard Knocks. 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 The Simpson Theory. (R) 1.20 The Simpson (Plim: Both Short Shor

7.25 Channel 4 News. 7.55 The Political Slo The Political Slot. Wavertree MP Luciana Berger talks about unemployment.

about unemployment.

Kevin McCloud's Man Made
Home. New series. The
Grand Designs presenter
takes on his second
challenge, moving his ecofriendly cabin to the
Somerset coast and

Somerset coast and transforming it into the beach home of his dreams.

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 80s.
David Mitchell, Phill Jupitus, Alan Carr, Sarah Greene, Jack Dee and Jason Donovan demonstrate how much they remember about the 1980s.

10.35 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by Jessie J, who chats and performs, and Matthew Fox, famous for his roles in Party of Five and Lost. (R)

11.35 The Last Leg, Adam Hills,

Total Mr. and Three and The Last Leg. Adam Hills, Josh Widdlcombe and Alex Brooker are joined by comedian and actor Eddle Izzard for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. Last in the past seven days. Last in the Last Series. (R) 12.15 Paddy's TV Guide. Paddy McGuinness focuses on technology. (R) 1.10 American Football Live. 4.45 Ironman 2013. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5
6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05
Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi
and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bubble
Guppies. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men
Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet.
7.00 Milkshakel Monkey. (R) 7.05
Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10
Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25
Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 City of
Friends. (R) 7.35 Little Princess.
(R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle
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Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.
Adventures. (R) 8.25 Angelina
Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R)
9.00 Ben and Holly's Little
Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Toby's
Travelling Circus. (R) 9.25 Roary
the Racing Car. (R) 9.45 Jelly
Jamm. 10.00 Power Rangers
Samurat. (R) 10.35 Slugtera.
11.00 Monkey Life. (R) 11.25
Apollo 13. The True Story. (R) 1.30
Film: Thunderbirds. (2004) 3.15
Film: The Hunchback of Notre
Dame. (1996) 4.55 5 News. 5.00
Film: Signomars's Eleven.

6.50 Film: Ocean's Eleven. (2001) Crime comedy, starring George Clooney. 8.55 5 News Weekend.

8.55 S News Weekend.
9.00 Film: Conan the Barbarian.
(2011) Premiere. A warrior
seeks revenge on the warlord
who killed his father before
he can magically make
himself all-powerful. Fantasy,
with Jason Momoa.

with Jason Momoa.

1.15 Film. Drive Angry. (2011)
Fantasy thriller, starring
Nicolas Gage.

1.05 Super Casino. 3.55 Michaela's
Wild Challenge. (R) 4.20 Make it
Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Casino.

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BBC Three
7.09 Robin Hood 7.45 Great Movie
Mistakee IV: May the Fourth Be with
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Raider (2001) 10.00 Family Guy
10.45 Bad Education 11.20
American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Golden Age of Canals 8.00
Fabric of Britain 9.00 Film: Citizen
Kane (1941) 11.00 Sound of
Cinema: The Music That Made the
Movies

Tiv2
2.50 Film: Happy Feet (2006) 5.00
The X Factor 6.00 The Xtra Factor
7.00 Film: Evan Almighty (2007)
9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 The Big
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What's On!

Film Choices

The Thomas Crown Affair, Channel 5, 10,55pm A thrill-seeking billionaire develops a taste for cat burglary, and lifts a priceless Monet from a New York gallery in broad daylight. However, he later meets his match in a cunning female insurance investigator and the pair embark on a whirlwind romance - but their conflicting careers threaten their relationship. Crime adventure remake, with Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, Denis Leary and Ben Gazzara. (1999)

I UESDAY
Hart's War, BBC1, 11.35pm
A law student fighting in the US Army is captured by
German soldiers and sent to a prison camp, where the
top-ranking American officer persuades him to defend a
black airman accused of murder. However, it gradually
becomes clear racial prejudice has played a part in the
securation, and his filter must have been framed. accusation, and his client may have been framed Second World War courtroom drama, starring Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell and Terrence Howard, (2002)

WEDNESDAY

A Girl Like Me: The Gwen Araujo Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Fact-based drama about a transgender teenager who gradually adopts a female identity. However, when her secret is uncovered at a party, she is beaten to death by four men. Her devoted mother then dedicates her life to bringing the killers to justice and campaigning for the rights of other transgender people. Starring JD Pardo, Mercedes Ruehl and Lupe Ontiveros. (2006)



onday, Channel 5, 10.55p

THURSDAY

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Channel 4, 12.40pm 20,000 Leagues onter in 8 Jeas, (namer 4, 12-40pin A Victorian scientist investigating the mysterious sinking of whaling ships in the Pacific falls overboard during an attack on his vessel. Along with a veteran mariner and a diver, he is picked up and taken captive by Captain Nemo and whisked away on a series of adventures in his futuristic submarine. Disney fantasy, based on Jules Verne's novel, starring Kirk Douglas, James Mason, Paul Lukas and Peter Lorre. (1954)

FRIDAY
Reservoir Dogs, Channel 5, 11pm
Criminals are employed by a crime boss to carry out a diamond robbery that goes disastrously wrong. In the bloody aftermath of the heist, they try to establish what happened and how the police were aware of their plans all along – leading to the hardening suspicion that one of them betrayed the gang. Quentin Tarantino's thriller, starring Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn and Steve Buscemi, (1992)

Pick of the Week

Mathew crashes back on to our TV screens

nless you've been living on Mars for the past few weeks, you can't fail to have noticed the adverts for The Wrong Mans.

And yes, we do have that title correct – despite the horrible grammatical error it features, this is how James Corden and Mathew Baynton want their new sitcom to be known.

It seems that the Beeb has throw its full weight behind the series for two reasons: it cost quite a lot of money to make, and because it's the latest project from Corden.

When it comes to collaborations, he certainly has good form. His highest profile project to date is Gavin and Stacey, which he co-wrote with pal Ruth Jones.

co-wrote with pai Ruth Jones. The gentle sitcom became a phenomenon a few years back, and if his latest offering is half as workerful, it will be very good indeed. Ohviously verneating that magic is tricky (just ask any band about their difficult second album' and you'll know what we mean), and it has to be said that The Wong Mans is an allogether different kettle

of fish, so don't be expecting wistful romance in Wales and Essex.

This time, Corden has collaborated with Horrible Histories star Baynton, who've been friends since working together on the movie Telstar.

"We started talking about our love of American boxset shows, and that ver saured utining about our flow of American boxset shows, and the feeling of having to watch the next week, and the production values that are in those shows," says Corden. "We started talking about whether it would be possible to do something where the stakes were that high, and the polish is that filmic."

"And we felt like maybe people weren't writing that stuff because when you're writing, you're thinking about how you're going to get a thing made, and how you're going to get it even commissioned in the first place," adds Baynton.

"I think we felt like we should throw all those ideas out of the window, and just put a car crash in the first two minutes of the show, write a helicopter flying in and just see where we could go with it. "We talked about film noirs," he continues. "The ones where someone very ordinary makes one single decision or mistake, and they're sucked into something where they're immediately out of their depth, and they spiral into disaster..."

Here, Corden and Baynton take the roles of Phil and Sam respectively. They work in the offices of Berkshire County Council, and their lives are turned upside down

their lives are turnéd upside down one day after Sam answers tan side of a car crash only he witnessed.

The voice on the other end of the line states: "If you are not here by five o'clock, we will kill your wife," but Sam isn'rt married, so who is the message meant for, and why has a woman been kildnapped?"

woman been kinnapped?

Encouraged by a friend to investigate, Sam and Phil dodge bullets, escape explosions and put their lives on the line in an attempt to uncover the truth.

Sarah Solemani, Stephen Campbell Moore, Dan Rentor Skinner and Karel Roden are among the supporting cast.



Mathew Baynton stars in The Wrong Mans, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food

BBC2, 8.30pm
That's a loaded title. After all, what is proper pub ood? In some parts of the country it's a incrowaved meal served in the plastic container, or readed cod served up when you ordered plaice ecause the cook forgot to label the box in the reezer. All of which pub-based preamble brings us to the eponymous Michelin-starred chef. Classic British pub fare provides the template for this new series, and Tom kicks things off with dishes perfect or serving up to groups of friends. He demonstrates how to prepare slow-cooked shoulder of lamb with pommes boulangere, and a trip to a stall at Maltby Street market in Bermondsey, south-east London prompts the construction of a salt beef bagel.

Jamie's Money Saving Meals

Channel 4, 8pm
For a chef, Jamie Oliver doesn't half stir up a bit of controversy. Ahead of this series, which he hopes vill help save hard-up families money, he ended up criticising the very people he's aiming his series at Jamie's detractors have complained about his naivety (in the first edition he urged viewers to spend money to save money, failing to grasp that not everyone has the cash in the first place), but t's hard to fault his motives. Here, he shows us now to prepare roast chicken with all the trimmings, pefore turning the leftovers into stew, and his recipes are enjoyable both for viewers on the preadline and those who have no trouble bringing nome the bacon

TUESDAY

The Sarah Millican Television Programme BBC2, 9.30pm

One of the best things about Sarah Millican's comedy is that she's so down to earth, you feel comedy is that she's so down to earth, you feel she's really speaking to you. While most comics who achieve her level of success become used to a celebrity lifestyle, you get the impression Sarah would sooner settle down with a cuppa and pop the telly on. Which is why this series works so well: she's as hooked on the box as we are. As her third run begins this evening, she welcomes former Top Gear presenter Quentin Willson, Law & Order: UK star Bradley Walsh and Pointless co-host Richard Osman to talk about their particular brands of

WEDNESDAY

Whitechapel ITV, 9pm

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the killer is still one step ahead of the team, striking again quickly and leaving coded messages at the crime scenes, including a series of letters stapled to one of the victims. As Miles and Chandler question the motives behind the lethal deeds. the killer seems to be more interested in the victims' skin than their death. After a trip to the butchers, and a quick history lesson courtesy of Buchan (write Steve Pemberton) with a nod to Quentin Tarantino, there's a visit to London's most spookily lit dentist... and one of the best pre-break shocks of the Strictly Come Dancing, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

week. Could the killer be emulating Leatherface from The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, or rather Ed Gein, the killer who inspired the iconic murderer?

Gogglebox Channel 4, 10pm

These days, you can watch your favourite programmes on demand and on the go, so why do many of us still prefer to actually settle down on the living room sofa and watch it on the telly? The first series of Gogglebox supplied one possible answer – sometimes the running commentary provided by our friends and family is more entertaining than the actual programmes. If you missed the first run, Gogglebox

films families, friends and flatmates as they watch some of the biggest shows on the box. Now, the cameras are returning to the same outspoken households - as well as dropping in on some new recruits - to find out what they think about the

THURSDAY My Tattoo Addiction Channel 4, 10pm

You might argue that tattoos simply aren't your thing, but even if that's the case, this insightful series will still hold your attention until long after those end credits roll. The

three-parter takes a look at

the world of tattoos and explores the unique stories behind them. First up, we meet the people who have chosen to get their skin inked to help them make a statement about the person they want to be. Father of six Paul is unemployed, and it's fair to say his facial tattoos are probably the reason why.

Amanda Knox Trial: 4 Key Questions

As of September 30th, the eyes of the world will once again be on Amanda Knox, who was convicted and then acquitted of the murder of Convicted and then acquitted of the minder of British exchange student Meredith Kercher in Perugia, Italy, in 2007. It's almost six years down the line, but the Supreme Court will begin a retrial in an attempt to determine once and for all who actually killed the student. This documentary hears from two of the finest minds in the Italian legal system – Fulvia Guardascione arguing for the prosecution, Alexander Guttieres for the defence.

FRIDAY Strictly Come Dancing

So, we've seen the launch show and we know who's been paired off with which professional dancer - Hollyoaks actor Ashley Taylor Dawson was clearly pleased with the draw, going into a fake swoon when he discovered he'd been matched with Ola Jordan. What we don't yet know, though, is whether any of this year's bunch are any good, because that group number didn't really give us much to go on. But now we're about to find out as the first group of celebs take to the floor for the first of the weekend's shows.

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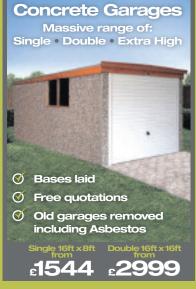












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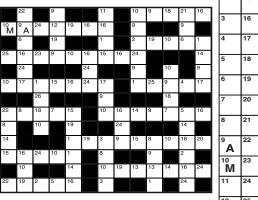
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- 4. It clears the vision but deceives the judgement (7)
- 8. A reason why the vessel was fast? (7)
- Anaesthetic ob-tained from scarlet herbs (5)
- 10. Got the weapon out
- but didn't win (4)

 11. He often stops while working (8)
- 13. A strange kind of
- plant (4)

 14. Send a ball up just under the roof (4)
- 16. Got out of bed? (8) 17. He follows the ad count painfully (4)

 20. The very lowest
- drain, perhaps (5)
- 21. They make very fine traps (7)

 22. Tributes to the dead from the wars
- 23 Piece of meat
- entirely disposed of 19. Workers make a

Down

- 1. Question put by examiners? Fancy that! (4,2,3,4)
- 2. Patient caretaker (5) 3. Where needles are kept, just in case (4)
- 4. Last, though almost sure to finish first (6)
- 5. Its users have no need to take flight to reveal confusion (8)
- 6. Faithless type (7) 7. England's hero - the
- noon sailor perhaps (7,6) 12. He's in favour of
- dictation, naturally (8)
- 13. Contract that makes a ferryman redundant? (7)
- 15. It checks the growth of populatio (6)
- 18. Box that may expand (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. White heron (5) 4. Under (7)
- 8. Feast (7)
- 9. Drive back (5)
- 10. Dregs (4) 11. Delight (8)
- **13.** Stagger (4)
- 14. Solitary (4)
- **16.** Usual (8)
- 17. Tender (4)
- 20. Break out (5)
- 21. Small crown (7) 22. Tiny tot (7)

Down

- 1. Ornament (13)
- 2. Scope (5)
- 3. Excursion (4)
- 4. Combat (6)
- 5. Story-teller (8)
- 6. Glass vial (7)
- 7. In confused haste (6-7)
- 12. Abstaining from liquor (8) 13. Bounce (7)
- 15. Cavalryman (6)
- 18. Possessor (5)

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The property has three reception rooms, spacious kitchen breakfast room, five bedrooms – the master en suite – and good-sized rear garden.
On the ground floor the lounge, 11ft 7in by 10ft 11in, has a feature fireplace while the dining room is 15ft 1in by 7ft 5in and the sitting room 12ft 1in by 10ft 11in.

by 10tt 11m.

The extended kitchen breakfast room, 9ft 7in by 14ft 2in, has a range of wall and base units, stainless steel sink drainer, roll-top work surfaces, cooker hood and space for domestic appliances.

On the first floor, bedroom one has an en suite with corner wash hand basin and shower cubicle

and there are three more bedrooms and a bath-room with corner bath, wash hand basin and WC. There is also a converted loft/bedroom five measuring 24ft 3in by 14ft 1in which has limited bedrooms.

measuring 2411 bit by 1412 in the measuring headroom.
Outside to the front is a gated driveway with off-road parking and rear garden with patio and steps down to a lawn. Call estate agent Connells on 01384 214770 for further details.



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On the first floor are four bedrooms, a bathroom with panelled bath, pedestal hand basin and corner shower cubicle and a separate toilet.

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Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

New-look Forester looks set to make its mark

COMPLETELY redesigned from the ground up the latest Subaru Forester XE is a surprising challenger in the SUV sector.

It's over 15 years since I drove my first Forester and the change in everything from quality to performance is a revelation.

The Forester now stands shoulder to shoulder with the best in this class in terms of power, economy, standard features and price, and with all-wheel drive as standard.

The 150PS engine comes with 198Nm of torque and when partnered with the Lineartronic automatic transmission will deliver 41mg on the combined cycle yet CO2 levels only reach 150g/km – so it has to be considered an option when looking to purchase in this sector.

Popular

When the model went on sale in the UK this May it was the fourth-generation of the SUV and is quickly becoming the Japanese brand's most popular model.

Last year, the Forester accounted for 170,000 sales globally – 27 per cent of Subaru's total sales – with 15,000 sold in Europe.

Since the Forester was introduced in 1997, European sales in the SUV-C segment have increased eightfold.

Forester offers a high and commanding driving position and cabin and cargo size has been significantly increased by expanding the wheelbase and widening the body.

The high-speed ride is good but things get a bit bumpier at lower speeds and I've felt more comfortable steering some of the opposition



The new Subaru Forester XE can stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in its class

models.All Foresters have twin front and side models. All roresters have twin front and side airbags, plus curtain airbags that cover both rows of seats and there are active anti-whiplash headrests. Stability control, hill-start assist and Isofix child-seat mountings are standard on all models along with an engine immobiliser. XE models and above get eight-way electrically-adjustable seats and the steering

wheel has plenty of adjustment, too. The dashboard has large, user-friendly buttons, but the sat-nav system looks a bit of an after-thought and proved too complicated for me – though complex sat-navs are a personal nightmare for me. There are, six trim levels for buyers to

able on all naturally-aspirated petrol models; X, XC and XC Premium on all diesel models and XT, the highest specification, is standard on 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol versions of the new Forester Lineartronic is available on XE and XE Premium models and is fitted as standard to XT versions. All Forester buyers will

mile warranty, plus a 12-year anti-corrosion guarantee. Prices for the new Subaru Forester are increased only marginally over the outgoing model, despite the much higher specification. The most affordable model in the range, the 2.0D X, starts at £24,995 on the road while

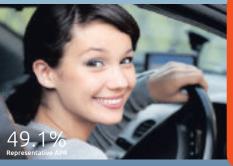
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Today, some '78 years later, Chevrolet has launched its first entry in the small SUV segment, the Trax.

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to Chevrolet MyLink enhanced connectivity.
Storage amenities are plentiful. The
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space available under the cargo floor.
A host of storage compartments includes
an available under-seat storage tray and two
glove boxes, one of which contains outlets
for USB and auxiliary devices that enable
discrete connectivity for electronic devices.
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Additional cargo can be carried externally. The Chevrolet Trax features standard roof



The range comes with a choice of three engines including 1.7litre turbo diesel

rails, has a roof load capacity of 75 kg and can tow trailers weighing up to 1200kg.

Chevrolet MyLink technology provides easy access to phone books, personal playlists, photo galleries (through USB key or iPhone) and videos (through USB key or aux-in), and other stored media.

The system can store the pairing information of up to five smartphones at one time. Mass storage devices, including MP3 players, iPod, iPad can also be connected through USB. There is a plug-in outlet for personal music devices and smartphones that do not use USB or Bluetooth connections.

tions.
MyLink users can take advantage of a

selection of dedicated smartphone apps that will make their lives and driving more com-fortable. With the help of BringGo, they can easily navigate using their phone.

easily navigate using their phone.

In addition to featuring 3D maps, lane guidance and live traffic updates, which require an active network connection through the smartphone, BringGo has the ability to store maps on the smartphone. This gives users access to locations and turn-by-turn directions even when the phone signal is poor (no data streaming/roaming charges).

Users who purchase the BringGo embedded smartphone app for the MyLink connected radio are also able to locate

Google.
Customers with a compatible iPhone running iOS 6 can ask Siri2, an intelligent assistant, to perform a number of tasks while they safely keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel. An Eyes Free mode enables drivers to interact with their iPhones using nothing more than their voice while keeping the device's screen from lighting up.

Owners can use Siri in Eyes Free mode to make voice-activated, hands-free calls to contacts on their iPhone, play songs in their iTunes libraries, switch music sources auto-matically or listen to or send an iMessage or text message to a phone number.

Gearbox

The engine line-up comprises a 1.4L turbocharged petrol unit, a 1.6L petrol engine and 1.7L turbo-diesel engine. All manual transmission variants come with Stop/Start functionality. Both the 1.7L turbo-diesel and the 1.4L turbo petrol engine can also be offered with the petrol engine can also be

and the 1-41 turno petrol engine can also effered with a six-speed automatic gearbox.

Mated to a six-speed manual transmissing the 1.4L cranks out 140 hp (103 kW) and produces a maximum torque of 200 Nm while the 1.7L turbo-diesel engine will

deliver a power output of 130 hp (96 kW), and a maximum torque of 300 Nm. The 1.7L turbo-diesel engine is the most frugal of the three and will return 62.7 mpg frugal of the three and will return 62.7 mpg when mated to a manual transmission (FWD), while fuel consumption of the 1.4L turbo with the manual transmission will average 44.1 mpg. CO2 emissions are 120 and 149 g/km, respectively.

The AWD system which is available on variants equipped with the 1.4L turbo petrol or the 1.7L turbo-diesel engine automatically adapts to the prevalent road conditions and improves traction on slipnery roads.

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Safety proves winning policy

CHEVROLET'S all-new small SUV, the Trax has been awarded the top five-star rating by the independent consumer organisation European New Car Assessment Program (Euro NCAP):

The Chevrolet Trax is the seventh Chevrolet model to receive Euro NCAP's top ratings, joining the Aveo, Volt, Cruze, Orlando, Malibu and Captiva.

Even though the Trax was evaluated under the new more stringent 2013 Euro NCAP protocols, it proved to be among the safest cars in its segment.

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"The bold and rugged Trax exterior design suggests a high level of safety at first glance. Safety is, among others, one of the purchase reasons for SUVs.

"We are really proud of the five-star NCAP test result, confirming what Trax customers expect from our new small SUV," said Susan Docherty, president and managing director of Chevrolet and Cadillac Europe.

Protection

The Euro NCAP results showed that in the Adult Occupant category, the Trax scored an excellent 94 per cent. Among others, the Trax achieved maximum points in the side barrier test, providing occupants with good protection.

tion for all body regions.
Good scores were also received for frontal impact while the Trax provided good protection against whiplash injury thanks to adjustable seat and head restraints in the even-

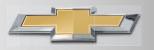
thanks to adjustable seat and head restraints in the eventuality of a rear impact.

In the Child Occupant category, the Trax received favourable results in the side impact test and child restraint installation.

Referring to the Pedestrian Safety category, Euro NCAP reported that the Trax bumper provides good protection for pedestrians in all areas and scored maximum points.

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Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). Chevrolet Trax Range: Urban 34.4 (8.2) - 52.3 (5.4), Extra Urban 50.4 (5.6) - 70.6 (4.0), Combined 43.4 (6.5) - 62.7 (4.5) CO₂ emissions 153 - 120g/km. Official EU-regulated test data are provided for comparison purposes and actual performance will depend on driving style, road conditions and other non-technical factors.

Fantastic 4 two-door is all new from BMV



Supportive seats and crystal-clear instruments make the 4 Series stand out



Sleek and chic - BMW's 4 Series coupe features improved aerodynamics

GOOD news normally comes in threes, but BMW would have you believe that it comes in fours too.

The German firm's 3 Series is arguably its most important car; it regularly features in the list of top ten sellers in the UK, it manages that difficult feat of being popular with private buyers as well as fleets and it even manages

to transform itself into a

to transform itself into a desirable sports car wearing an M badge.
There's certainly no shortage of love for the 3.
But now there's a BMW 4 Series, although the cynics amongst you might describe this as the 3 Series Coupe But a coupe it most describe this as the 3 Series
Coupe. But a coupe it most
certainly is, which means it
will feature on a lot of wish
lists – with good reason too.
Aside from the obvious
reduction in the number of

doors, 4 Series models are marked out by a number of visual differences – only the bonnet is shared with its four-door cousin.

its four-door cousin.

There are bigger headlights (with optional LEDs), a more aggressive front bumper, flared wheelarches and also 'air breathers' – small vents in the four-time breathers'. breathers – small vents in the front wings which are primarily for improving aerodynamics but are also designed to catch the eye. Standard

There are LED lights at the rear as standard too, and with the lower ride height and wider track there is a definite increased there is a definite increased sense of purpose about the 4 Series. On paper you might question paying more for fewer doors, but once you've seen it in the flesh it starts to make sense; this is one handsome heast.

sense; this is one handsome beast.

Skinnier-tyred versions might not look quite as slick, but a sensible person with an eye for the aesthetic will be selecting at least an 18-inch wheel from the options list.

On the inside there's the familiar cabin layout which, in typical BMW fashion, manages to hit all the notes. The supportive seats, the crystal-clear instruments and the reassuring snap of all the buttons puts you at ease behind the wheel. It might only be a small change but the front seats are mounted 9mm lower than in the saloon, contributing to the seats feelings up to the seats f

mounted 9mm lower than in the saloon, contributing of the saloon, contributing to the sport feeling you expect from a car like this. In the back there's a similar amount of room for passengers but the seats aresculpted to offer a bit more support to keep them in place as you tackle a more support for the seats are supported by the salour policy of the salour polic

By Matt Joy

find it a problem.

It's not just visual either.

Thanks to the standard lowered suspension BMW claims the 4 Series has the claims the 4 Series has the lowest centre of gravity of any model in its range – something that is a crucial element of good driving

dynamics.

And perhaps unsurprisingly it is the way the 4 Series tackles the bends that really shows it in its best light. With sizeable wheels and tyres on this 435i version there is huge amounts of grip on offer, although when pressed there is sufficient power available to play the hooligan.

But the 4 Series is best savoured by being driven more smoothly, and enjoying the quick and accurate ing the quick and accurate steering, excellent body control and sheer enthusiasm – it tackless bends with a genuine joy to match any enthusiastic driver.

Thrifty

The organ range comp.

The engine range comprises of thrifty petrols and diesels including the popular 2.0-litre diesel already seen in the 320d as

already seen in the 320d as well as the turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol, but here the range-topping 435i delivers a very strong 302bhp thanks to its twinturbochargers.

The super-slick eightspeed automatic transmission works superbly whether its in auto or manual mode, and with the EcoPro, Comfort, Sport and Sport+ modes governand Sport+ modes govern-ing everything from the suspension, steering, throttle response and gearshift operation the 4 Series is genuinely capable of adapting to your current needs.

of adapting to your current needs.

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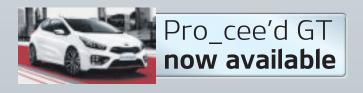


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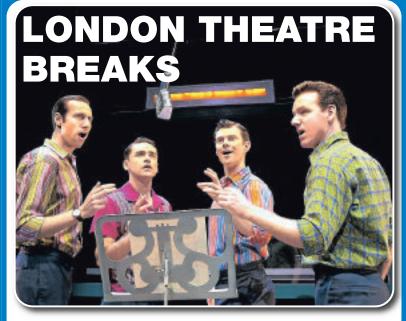
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expecting Kozak to be a big hit

VILLA boss Paul Lambert backed new boy Libor Kozak to become an instant Premier League hit. The £7m striker, signed on

The t7m striker, signed on deadline day from Lazio, scored in the Czech Republic's 2-1 defeat in Italy and, ahead of a Premier League debut against Newcastle last weekend, Lambert insisted he had not been signed to sit on the bench.

"I know he can score goals," said Lambert.
"He's a handful, he's played in a league renowned for some of the hardest defending you can come up against.

against.
"It's really tough to get away from a defender in Italy. His goalscoring in the Europa League was incredi-

Europa League was increable.

"I don't know what happened at Lazio, what went on which meant he couldn't get many starts in Serie A but he knows where the goal is

"I don't bring players in to

say: 'You can sit on the bench for six months'. "We've got options now. I can do what I want because he's a No 9 which is what I think we've needed."

Villa blow as Okore ruled out

VILLA have been rocked by the news that Jores Okore has been ruled out for the

nas been ruled out for the rest of the season.

The defender suffered a cruciate knee ligament injury in Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Newcastle and will be sidelined for nine months.

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Denmark international Okore, a £4m summer signing from FC Nordsjaelland, limped off against the Magpies after tangling with Loic Remy. A Villa statement read:

Loic Remy.

A Villa statement read:
"Following clinical examination and the results of an MRI scan, the club can confirm that Jores Okore sustained a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament injury in his right knee in the game against Newcastle.
"Jores will undergo surgery in due course and he

surgery in due course and he could be sidelined for a period of up to nine months."

months."
Okore's injury is another damaging blow to Villa with the side searching for their first Premier League shutout in 26 games.

Lambert is | Signings bring back power and pace — Garlick



Albion keeper Ben Foster receives his Player of the Month Award from Albion fan Jodee Hill, aged 19 "It's important that we are because the Premier League promises to be more

BAGGIES sporting and technical direc-tor Richard Garlick insists Albion are well-equipped for the challenges ahead as he reflected on the club's summer

transfer business.

Garlick believes Albion have reinforced their forward positions with the recruitment of Nicolas Anelka, Matej Vydra and Scott Sinclair, plus the £12m deadline-day arrivals of Stephane Sessegnon and Victor Anichebe.

"With the signings we've made, we've put power and pace back into the team, which was absolutely vital," said Garlick. He added: "Overall, I believe we're stronger as a unit than we were 12

we're stronger as a unit than we were 12 months ago.

"It's important that we are because

competitive than ever. Every team has strengthened."

It also brought to an end what Garlick readily admits has been a testing summer for the club's recruitment staff. However, he did admit there were lessons Albion could learn from the summer window.
"Although we're pleased with the business we've done, we've identified areas of our recruitment process that need to be improved going forward—and we'll be addressing those in the coming weeks."

weeks.

Meanwhile, keeper Ben Foster picked
up his first award of the season – then
backed understudy Boaz Myhill to fill
bic bode

Foster was named Zoopla player of the

month for August but is sidelined for

month for August but is sidelined for more than two months with a stress fracture to his foot. He tipped Wales No.1 Myhill to catch the eye as he deputises between the sticks. "He will always do a job, just like he did when I had my double hernia opera-tion last year. For any player in any posi-tion, you always just wait for your chance.

chance.
"When somebody gets injured it's bad fortune for them but it's another door opening for somebody else."

Foster, was voted by fans as player of the month for August but now faces a spell on the sidelines.

"The cast has come off but we're still looking at about eight to nine weeks from now," he added.

Hosts are blown away by Yeltz on windy day

HALESOWEN Ladies travelled to Attleborough near Coventry on a pitch that was open to the elements on a blustery day.

Halesowen kicked off with the wind behind them. With the instructions to attack quickly and press early, they dominated the half.

In-form striker Haley Chatwin scored within five minutes after a defensive mix-up and Tracey Haycock scored with a powerful drive from just outside the box with good holding play by Chatwin on 13 minutes.

Yeltz Ladies were going all attack with the belief that the second half would be different as the hosts would have the wind on their side.

Challenge

By the 34th minute it was ny tne 34th minute it was 4-0 as substitute Katie Moore found the net, and by the interval, Yeltz were five goals to the good, but facing a sterner challenge in the second half.

The second half began but with instructions to keep the ball low with quick passing and the Yeltz were back at Attleborough within 12 minutes of the restart as left back Shel Thomas scored off a well-delivered corner from Sophie Richards.

Defenders Dominique

Sophie Richards.

Defenders Dominique
Mckee Charlotte Byatt were
on fine form to block out any
of the home side's attacks
before Morley made it seven
from a great run from Moss

Yeltz Ladies

who ran controlling the ball

The home side scored with The home side scored with a well taken free kick. Stand-in keeper Chloe Harris deflected the shot onto the post only to see it rebound and hit Harris and slowly roll into the net.

Skipper Lyndsey Glover played round two players

played round two players and the powerful shot deflected off a defender into the net to make it 8-1.

Another free kick saw a perfect shot which Harris had no chance in saving. Halesowen lifted their game and peppered the home side hitting the crossbar and the upright on numerous occa-sions.

Morley finished the rout with a hat-trick with some good skilful work from Moore.

Moore.
Yeltz manager Scott
Mckee said: "I knew they
would score due to the
severe wind conditions, but
to our credit the squad all
played out of their skins and
dominated the whole event
and deserved the victory."

Sponsorship deal builds for club's future



From left, Ian Rowe, Tipton Town manager, Lee Judson, general manager sales and marketing at the Tipton and Mat Danks, Tipton Town chairman

NON-LEAGUE side Tipton Town FC has scored a spon-sorship deal with its local building society.

building society.

Tipton & Coseley Building Society is providing \$3,000 to help towards the cost of running the club's team, women's team and youth academy this season.

Tinton Town play in the

youth academy this season.
Tipton Town play in the
Baker Joiner Midland
Alliance division. Boss Ian
Rowe said: "Finding financial support is so hard to
come by which is why The
Tipton's donation is so
gratefully received by everyone at the club.

Secure

"We have been going strong since 1948 and we hope our supporters and other members of the local community also get behind us to help secure our future for the next 65 years and beyond."

Lee Judson, the building society's general manager sales and marketing, said: "The team has enjoyed a string of successes; players

"The team has enjoyed a string of successes; players made it to the first round proper of the FA Cup just a couple of years ago and have two high-profile games coming up, taking on Kidsgrove Athletic on September 14 and Birmingham City on October 16."

De Pinna's hat-trick as Tigers roar to a victory

Barford Tigers Ladies 5 Nuneaton Ladies 1

Nuneaton Ladies 1
AFTER promotion last season, Tigers welcomed a strong Nuneaton team to Hamstead Hall for their first match of the new hockey season.

season. Bianca Homer gave Tigers

Bianca Homer gave Tigers the lead after 12 minutes. Charn Gill hit a reverse stick shot past the keeper to make it two. Nuneaton hit one back on the break past Kath Hood in goal to reduce the deficit at half-time. In the second half, after Hannah Yates had twice hit the post, new signing Sarah De Pinna made one count before going on to complete

before going on to complete her hat-trick with a sliding finish on the hour.

finish on the hour.

Only lack of match sharp mess in front of goals prevented further goals.

On Saturday Barford Tigers Ladies finish their pre-season games when they welcome Division 1 Droitwich to Hamstead Hall for a 10.30 am start.

Other results:
Barford Tigers Mens 1sts beat Illford 1sts 7-2. Barford Tigers Mens 3rds lost to Kingswinford 1sts 4-2, Barford Tigers Mens 4ths lost to Kingswinford 2nds 4-3

U-18s hit goal trail after deficit

Halas Hawks East 2 Trysull Tigers East 0
LUKE Nock and Brandon
Hale scored for U10 East.

Halas Hawks West 1 Kidderminster Lions 1

Jack Blakeway netted for e U10s. Halas Hawks West 3 Kewford Eagles North 6 U11 goals came from Anthony Andreou (2) and Harvey Brookes. Halas Hawks 2

Halas Hawks 2 Stourbridge Athletic 3 Cain Brissett and Connor Fisher scored for the U15s. Kewford Eagles South 2 Halas Hawks 5 Sharn Shelley (2), Alex Giles, Trev Harris and Charlie Durrell hit back for the U18s who trailed 2.0 the U18s who trailed 2-0. Halas Hawks Girls 5

Walsall Ladies 1
Kate Drew (2), Liz McAlenan (2) and Charlotte Parloe scored for the U18 Girls.
Halas Hawks 7

Halas Hawks 7
Bustleholme 2
Amy Blakemore hit four of
the seven U16 Girls goals.
Solihull Moors 2
Halas Hawks Ladies 1
Erin Hicklin scored.



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Heathens promising exciting' rider news

DUDLEY Heathens will make what they describe as 'an exciting rider announcement' before their National League play-off semi-final with Isle of Wight.

Club bosses are refusing to give anything away but the announcement will be wade on the overder.

one announcement will be made on the parade.

And club chairman Nigel Pearson is confident the news will be greeted with delight by loyal Heathens fans.

fans.
He said: "We can confirm we will be making an exciting rider announcement just before the play-off meeting with the Isle of Wight.

"That's all I'm prepared to say on the matter at this stage but I am sure fans will be delighted with the news.

Handy

"It adds interest to the meeting which should be keenly contested. We can't afford to take the Islanders for granted and I'm sure it will be a good night of speed-

will be a good night of speed-way.
"We will need a handy lead to take down to Smallbrook on October I and I would be delighted to see us put in a performance similar to last week when we achieved a 22-point lead over King's Lynn in the Knockout Cup.
"Our supporters have once again stayed behind this team in great numbers and we hope a few Cradley

and we hope a few Cradley fans who haven't tried the modern era at Wolverhamp-ton will come along for the business end of the season."

Knockout semi final postponed

DUDLEY'S Knockout Cup semi-final at King's Lynn has been postponed for a second time.

The sides were due to meet last night (Wednes-day), but the Norfolk club were forced to re-arrange their Elite League clash with Birmingham to the same night night Heathens chiefs are cur-

rently discussing a new date with their Young Stars coun-terparts with next Wednes-

terparts with next Wednesday, September 25, a possibility.
Dudley hold a 22-point lead going into the second leg after a terrific display at Monmore.
It means they are next in action when they race the home leg of their play-off semi-final against the Isle of Wight at Monmore on Tuesday, September 24.

Former champs give fans what they want



Former world speedway champions Sam Erm-olenko and Greg Hancock with Morgan Hughes, son of Joe Hughes at the Invitational event

BLACK COUNTRY Californians Greg Hancock and Sam Ermolenko gave their respective Cradley and Wolves fans plenty to shout about at the Joe Hughes Invitational meeting.

tional meeting.

Hancock, putting in a rare British appearance, had the Heathens fans purring at Monmore Green.

The 43-year-old showed all the style that has kept him competing at the sport's highest level with a double-figure return.

And 52-year-old Wolves legend Ermolenko battled hard for his four points – and rounded off his evening by passing Grand Prix star Darcy Ward for second place in his final ride. But while the Stars

and Stripes played a big part — Wolves' Ricky Wells finished third—it was the blue and yellow of Sweden which finished top of the pile. Home hero Freddie Lindgren won the meeting in fine style.

Lindgren sensationally worked his way from third to first to defeat Aussie sensa-tion Ward and Wells in a thrilling Grand

Final.

It capped off a wonderful evening of action in front of a good crowd to remember former rider and parts supplier Hughes while raising money for Cancer Research UK and new training facilities

for young riders. There were plenty of promising signs for Wolverhampton as they prepare for the play-off semi-final against Birmingham, with Wells a surprise challenger. The Californian led

prise challenger. The Californian led much of the final before having to settle for third place.

Pole Adam Skornicki made the semifinals while club asset Nicolai Klindt strengthened his case for guest bookings in the play-offs as he bagged 10 points.

Another Wolves asset currently not in their side – Pontus Aspgren – followed up his good Premier League form with a place in the final. But speedway was the overall

Little is handed new role

FORMER Villa, Albion and Wolves boss Brian Little has been appointed director of coaching of non-league Chasetown's new academy. Starting this month, the 59-year-old is to spearhead the Scholars' Academy, a new partnership between Chasetown and Stafford College enabling youngsters to combine a professional football development programme with A-level equivalent qualifications. Chasetown chairman John Donnelly has known Little for several years in his capacity as chairman of Aston Villa Former Players' Association.

Aston Villa Former Players' Association.

Little, who is holder of the FA's Pro-License, said: "I'm looking forward to working with the students and all those involved."

The partnership will build on the successful academy for 16-18-year-old students established by Chasetown's former player-coach Andy Turner and chief executive Mike Joiner in 2009.

The academy aims to provide a second chance for school-leavers and players

school-leavers and players discarded by clubs. Anyone interested should call 01785 275468.

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ALS TO ME YELTZ GO THROUGH

Halesowen Town 2 Brocton FC 1 FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round HALESOWEN will face Midlands

neighbours Tipton Town in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Following their 2-0 win against Kidsgrove, Tipton will visit The Grove to face the Evo-Stik Division One South outfit on September 28.

It will be the first time the teams have faced each other in a competitive match since April 1985, when Tipton grabbed a win by a single goal

goal
In this year's competition,
Tipton have already seen off
higher league opposition by
beating both Stratford Town
and Kidsgrove.
Yeltz themselves ended
Midland Combination
Brocton's unbeaten record
to earn their place in the
draw.

Danger

Ben Haseley proved to be a constant danger up front and as early as the fourth minute he cut in from the left to draw a low save from keeper Adam Whitehouse. Haseley handed Halesowen a 21st minute lead after latching on to a long ball down the left and, despite the attention of three defenders, he trickled a shot into the corner. Early in the second half

Early in the second half Haseley caught Whitehouse out of his area to set up Tom Tonks, but he hit high over an empty Brocton net from 25 yards

Ivseden Christie then lyseden Christie then doubled Halesowen's lead in the 67th minute with a superb finish from Haseley's through ball to register his second goal in his first two games. The second goal

Halesowen Town

finally seemed to have made victory certain and the Yeltz soon created a string of further good chances to increase the lead.

Whitehouse saved at full stretch after Haseley squeezed in from the left and then superbly tipped a Neil MacKenzie half volley over.

But, to their credit, Brooton played some neat football and the plucky Badgers set up an intriguing, tense finale when substitute Jack Lees drilled home a loose ball in the 73rd minute following a mix-up in the Halesowen defence.

Ticket and admission

minute following a mix-up in the Halesowen defence.

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Halesowen Town: Sam Pearson; Kristian Green, Aaron Griffiths, Neil MacKenzie (Christait 79), Dan Parker, Brendan Kelly (c), Matthew Martin, Tom Tonks (Adam Meacham 70), lyseden Christie (Nigel Penney 86), Ben Haseley, Elliott Turner. Unused Subs: Chris Lait, Matt Fulloway, Paul Evans (GK), Brocton: Adam Whitehouse; David Ablewhite, Matthew Skinner, Robert Tornlinson, Dale Roberts (Jack Lees 27), Charlie Jones, Sam Bell, Damie Charie, Lukag Putka (Dan Store 6), et al. (Gary Fife 73), Unused Subs: Andrew Bourne, Liam Laycock, Referee: James Whittington Attendance: 222

Jordanne tastes success at the double



Halesowen's Jordanne Whiley in action against Sabine Ellercock in the US Open at Hilton Head

pionships in Hilton Head, USA over the weekend.

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British players on the Tennis Foundation's Wheelchair Tennis Performance Programme claimed a clean sweep of the men's and women's singles and doubles titles for the fourth time in five years.

Second seed Whiley claimed her first women's singles title at the ITF 2 Series event in South Carolina after the British No. 2 and Hampshire's Lucy Shuker set up an all-British

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley final. Whiley played American opposecured a singles and doubles title nents in each of her first three double for the second time since 2009 matches, securing two 6-1, 6-1 wins at the PTR Wheelchair Tennis Championships in Hilton Head, USA over seed Emmy Kaiser 6-2, 6-2 in the specificals.

semi-inals.

After finishing runner-up to Shuker in Hilton Head in 2009, world No. 8 Whiley made much the better start on this occasion and held on to beat top seed and world No. 7 Shuker 6-2, 7-5.

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Shuker and Whiley claimed their third women's doubles title together in Hilton Head, having previously teamed up to win the title in 2009 and 2010. After dropping just three games

to reach Saturday's final, Shuker and Whiley made a fine start against American duo Shelby Baron and Kaiser to dominate the final set for a

Kaiser to dominate the final set for a 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 victory.

"I'm so happy, I played a great first set and managed to hold on and it's my fourth title here at the tournament after the three doubles titles with Lucy," said Whiley.

"This tournament has proved so successful for the Brits in recent years and I'm really happy to have been a part of it all. It's the second time I've won both singles and doubles titles in a tournament in the USA since May so it's a great end to this latest tour."

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